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Events of Interest Briefly Summarized for Hasty Readers.

HEAVY COAL TRADE WITH NEW ORLEANS.

Cost of United States Court in Birmingham—New Railroad to Stoud Mountain—Cotton Factory for Opelika—The Wheat Crop.

Alabama has entered into active competition with Pennsylvania for the coal trade of the lower Mississippi river, and there is every reason to believe that the Pennsylvania product will eventually be driven from the market. Several days ago a contract was secured by the Alabama Block Coal Company, which represents the leading Walker county coal operators, for 100,000 tons of coal, deliverable by the Southern railway barge line from Greenville southward on the Mississippi river to New Orleans.

This contract was secured through the firm of B. D. Wood & Sons, of New Orleans. The full meaning of it is just apparent. It is an attack on the Pittsburg monopoly in the city of New Orleans itself.

The contract entered into is backed by the Southern railway and gives to Wood & Sons a practically unlimited supply of Alabama coal.

As an opening order the Woods asked for 110,000 tons. Colonel Elmer E. Wood says this is only for a starter and will be followed up by other large orders in rapid succession.

Cost of the Law. The cost of grinding out justice is pretty steep, as will be seen by the following figures, showing the cost of operating the United States court in Birmingham:

The last quarter court, beginning October 9 and ending December 31, cost \$85,500. This includes juries, witnesses, bailiffs, court messengers, etc. The most expensive case tried was the Price-Melton case, the cost of the closing trial aggregating several thousand dollars.

The cost of the operation of the department for the quarter ending September 30 was much less, being but \$8,727.66, but there was no court during this period.

The quarter ending December 31 1898, cost \$13,800. The court was in session during a large part of this quarter, but the term was not so long as the fall term recently ended. The difference in the cost of the last two fall terms is \$21,700. The last term was the most expensive ever held in that city, being very long and many cases requiring the attendance of an unusually large number of witnesses. The Price-Melton case required the attendance of nearly one hundred witnesses for many days, each drawing mileage and per diem.

Railroad to Stoud Mountain Mines.

Milton H. Smith, president, and R. Munford, chief engineer of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, will probably let the contract for the construction of a branch line from Hanceville, in Blount county, to the mines of the Stoud Mountain Coal and Coke company, which have just been developed. The branch will be about six or seven miles in length, and will cost something like \$40,000 to build. A number of bids have been received.

Republicans Indorse William Vaughan.

Republican county conventions and executive committee meetings were held Saturday in Etowah, Tuscaloosa, Cherokee, Fayette, Lema, and Blount counties and all instructed for William Vaughan for state chairman as against Julian Bingham, the candidate of the Youngblood faction. Bingham has already carried six other counties, but Vaughan people claim division in two of Bingham's counties, which they say puts Chairman Vaughan ahead.

Opelika's Cotton Factory.

At a meeting of the promoters of the cotton factory at Opelika Captain J. L. Dean announced that all of \$100,000 capital had been subscribed. On February 2 the stockholders will meet and elect officers and as soon as possible thereafter work will be commenced.

Alabama Appropriations.

The chief of the United States engineers reports the following balances of appropriations for river and harbor work unexpended during the first part of the year:

Mobile harbor, \$16,147.38; Warrior river, \$49,863.55; Warrior river, \$211,165.40; Tombigbee river from mouth to Demopolis, \$3,274.04; from Demopolis to Columbus, Miss., \$84,191.57; Elk river, \$113.02.

AMERICANS MURDERED.

Six Men Shot by Order of a Mexican General.

Friends of George Lunt and Charles Burns, of El Paso, Tex., reported to have been killed with six other Americans by Gen. Torres at the recent round up of the Yaqui Indians, made formal application to United States Consul Charles W. Kendrick at Juarez, Mex., for a full investigation of the affair. Consul Kendrick notified the state department and telegraphed the consular agent at Guaymas, Mex., for a complete report. Reports from Narco, Ariz., confirm the killing of the six Americans.

It is said that cowboys and miners in Southern Arizona and New Mexico have organized and are preparing to invade Sonora and avenge the murder of the six prospectors. They will fight against the Mexican troops for the independence of Sonora and the Yaqui Nation, and the opinion is the contemplated movement would be crowned with success.

PHILIPPINE WAR IS OVER.

It Is Feared That Bloody Fueds Will Arise.

A dispatch to the New York Herald from Manila says:

The war in the Philippines is over. No further surrender can be hoped for.

The danger in the present situation is that a bloody feud may arise between the American army and the Filipinos.

This danger can be greatly lessened by action by congress, which is now imperative, outlining the policy of the government in the Philippines. It is likely that many insurgents are still holding out for the very terms which congress will be willing to give.

The time is ripe for a conciliatory policy, allowing the Filipinos to have some say as to the future of the government under which they will be obliged to live.

VICTORY FOR GOEBEL.

First Actual Test of Strength in the Kentucky Legislature.

The first actual test of strength between the Republican and Democratic forces in the Goebel-Taylor contest in Kentucky came Saturday and by the admission of the Republican leaders proved a victory for Goebel. The Democrats claim it was decisive, while the Republicans still have strong hope of retaining Governor Taylor.

The vote was in the contest of Van Meter, of Fayette county, against Berry, Van Meter winning—51 to 45. Every effort was made to get out the largest possible vote.

BRITISH REVERSE.

Fifteen Hundred Dead Left on the Battlefield, Says a Boer Dispatch.

Boer Head Laager, Ladysmith, Jan. 25.—The British dead left on the battlefield yesterday numbered 1,500.

A London dispatch says: General Buller says that Warren's troops have retreated south of the Tugela river. The Boers say that the British loss is 1,500 killed. It is believed that this includes the wounded. The Boers also claim that 150 of the English troops surrendered at Spion Kop.

Judge Wharton Dead.

Judge Thomas J. Wharton, marshal of the Mississippi supreme court and one of the oldest and most prominent men of the state, died in Jackson of pneumonia. He was 87 years of age, had served two terms as attorney-general, and was circuit judge of the Seventh judicial district for several years.

Mrs. Rich Convicted.

Mrs. John D. Rich, alias Mattie D. Rich, the Chicago woman surrendered to Mexico to be tried for the murder of her husband in Juarez last May, has been adjudged guilty by the Mexican court and sentenced to serve fourteen years in prison.

Cotton Mill for Chattanooga.

The Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce has decided to erect a \$100,000 cotton mill. Already \$10,000 has been subscribed and the committee anticipate no trouble in securing the entire amount.

Will Choose Roberts' Successor.

Governor Wells, of Utah, has issued a proclamation calling for an election April 2 to elect a representative in the Fifty-sixth congress, now existing.

Virginia Wants New State Convention.

The democratic caucus of the Virginia general assembly held a few days ago voted almost unanimously in favor of calling a convention to frame a new state constitution.

CRENSHAW AND MARENGO

Returns Show That Morgan Has Carried Both Counties.

SENATOR'S MAJORITY IN CRENSHAW 429

Miller Has Won Over Wiley—Arrington Was Elected Senator—Two Counties to Act Saturday. Brief State News.

Returns from Crenshaw county received Sunday night show that Morgan has carried the county by two to one. The vote from eighteen boxes gives the following: Morgan, 950; Johnston, 521.

There are still four or five boxes to hear from, and Morgan's majority will probably be increased by these. The same beats quoted above gave for congress: Miller, 816; Wiley, 636.

It is expected that other beats will bring Miller's majority down to about 100.

Hone has defeated Brooke for tax collector.

Arrington is elected senator by three to one.

Morgan Sweeps Marengo County.

Marengo has cast its vote for Senator Morgan. The twelve beats already heard from give him 65 votes, and that gives him a majority of the county.

There are still nine beats to hear from, and it is more than probable that Morgan will carry more than half of them. It is impossible to get returns from these places, on account of their remoteness, but there is no doubt of Morgan's victory. It is estimated that the vote will be four to one against Governor Johnston.

Up to and including Saturday, eight counties had acted on the senatorial question and two others have nominated candidates for representative, subject to instructions of the primaries to be held April 14. The eight counties that have instructed their nominees will have fourteen votes in the general assembly for a United States senator, and of these fourteen votes Senator Morgan will get 10, Governor Johnston 3 and Gen. Oates 1.

Political interest will be transferred to Russell and Winston counties this week, these two being the only remaining counties to act on the senatorial question prior to April 14. A democratic primary will be held in each of these counties next Saturday for the purpose of naming democratic candidates for county offices and for representatives in the general assembly.

STATE BRIEVITIES.

Governor Johnston has named Robert W. Cashion as sheriff of Marion county, to succeed Sheriff John D. Hamilton, who died last Wednesday.

The remains of the late Rev. Dr. David Ingram Purser were brought to Tuscaloosa from New Orleans, La., where he died two years ago of yellow fever and were buried.

Greene county farmers have started in for another crop, many of them with meat and bread to last them through the year. The farming interests of the county are in a prosperous condition.

The supreme court is in session and cases from the eighth division are being submitted. This division is composed of the counties of Marshall, Jackson, Madison, Colbert, Limestone, Lauderdale, Lawrence and Morgan.

J. H. Buck, of Tuscaloosa, received a telegram from Buckatanna, Miss., stating that his son, E. J. Buck, had been run over by a freight train on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, cutting both legs off just above the knees. The unfortunate man lived only a few hours.

The internal revenue commissioner reports nineteen retail and two wholesale establishments selling oleomargarine in Alabama, out of a total of 7,055 for the country. The sales in Alabama were 226,053 pounds, out of a total of 79,995,744 for the country for the last fiscal year.

The city council of Talladega has passed a resolution donating a lot in the city cemetery and agreeing to defray the expenses of removing thereto the remains of the seventeen soldiers who were killed in the battle at Talladega, November 9, 1813. The remains are now in a field near the furnace.

Parke & Wilkins will erect a big saw mill at Sunny South,

ROBERTS REJECTED.

House of Representatives Excludes Him by a Big Majority.

The case of Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon Representative-elect from Utah, which has occupied so much of the attention of the house since the assemblage of congress, was decided late Thursday afternoon by the adoption of a resolution to exclude him by a vote of 268 to 50. The exact wording of the resolution was as follows:

"That under the facts and circumstances of the case, Brigham H. Roberts, representative-elect from the state of Utah, ought not to have, or hold a seat in the house of representatives, and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant."

The amendment to expel Mr. Roberts without seating, offered by Mr. Lacy, was ruled out on a point of order and the house only voted upon the resolutions of the majority and minority of the committee. The latter, to seat and then expel Mr. Roberts, was defeated—81 to 244. An analysis of this vote shows that 170 republicans, 72 democrats and 2 populists voted against it, and 71 democrats, 6 republicans, 2 populists and 2 silver republicans for it.

The majority resolutions, to exclude Mr. Roberts and declare the seat vacant, were adopted—268 to 50. The affirmative vote was divided as follows:

Republicans, 168; democrats, 86; populists, 4, and the negative vote, democrats, 47; silver republicans, 2; populists, 1.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS.

Currency Bill Continues to Hold Right of Way in the Senate.

Sensors Bacon and Tillman have given notice of speeches during the week on the Philippine question, but beyond these notices no indication has been given of the probable course of events in the senate during the week. The currency bill continues to hold the right of way, and it is not improbable that it will be made the subject of more or less speech-making.

There is no programme mapped out for the house this week. The Indian appropriation bill has been reported and the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill is in preparation. It is said that these bills will occupy the major portion of the week.

RUSHING TO CAPE NOME.

Gold Hunters Expect Some Rich Finds There.

Estimates made by local shipping men at Tacoma show that about 15,000 men are intending to reach Cape Nome by the first steamers from Puget Sound and Dawson. Two-thirds of this number will go from Tacoma, Seattle and San Francisco, and the balance will go down the Yukon river from Dawson and other Yukon towns. A great prospective race is in sight between these two contingents.

First arrivals will secure the best part of the beach, which will be in the greatest demand, because beach claims may be worked without flumes or machinery.

KILLED HIS FAMILY.

Murdered His Wife, Daughter and Son He Then Tried to Burn the House.

In an "overfilled tenement" in Cincinnati, Charles Bartruff, a tanner, murdered his wife, his son Carl, aged 5, his daughter, aged 3, and then tried to set the house on fire by overturning the hot stove and piling furniture on it. The skulls of all the victims were crushed with a blunt instrument. No one saw the deed but its perpetrator. He remained in the burning room until arrested by the police. His intellect was of the lowest type and suffered from dementia, which he seems to have inherited from his father, who died by suicide. His 5-year-old son Carl was imbecile.

Death of a Prominent Confederate.

Major Thomas A. Brander, past grand commander of the Virginia Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, and who was known throughout the south for his prominence in all Confederate reunions, died in Richmond, Va., Sunday, aged 60 years.

War Will Last Long Time.

The Berlin Deutsche Tages Zeitung publishes an interview with Dr. Leyds, which represents him as having said:

"The war will certainly last a very long time. The Transvaal will decidedly not be the first to seek peace and will refuse any proposals on the basis of the status-quo."

EX-SLAVES DEFRAUDED.

Pension Swindle Is Now Reaching Great Proportions.

Efforts to Stamp It Out—In Spite of Official Warnings Many Negroes Are Paying Money to the Promoters.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The ex-slave pension swindle has taken deeper root and spread farther than had been supposed even by Government officials. The delusion that the United States Government is about to pension all the persons who were in slavery before the Civil War is a fixed belief throughout the Southern States, thanks to the ingenuity with which the men behind the scheme have fostered it.

Here in Washington, where wide publicity has been given to the rascally character of the swindle, poor old negroes are paying money regularly in the expectation of getting a big windfall from the Government, and now reports from all over the South show that the delusion is spreading everywhere faster than the Government exposures can follow.

A discovery made by the Senate Committee on Pensions shows what a lucrative scheme this must be to the men who are preying on the ignorance of an unfortunate class. The committee has two "membership certificates" in the so-called "association" to which the former slaves are induced to belong. It costs twenty-five cents to get one of these certificates, and the dues are ten cents a month.

Besides that, before a local branch of the "association" is formed its members have to pay \$2.50 for a charter. One of the certificates which has fallen into the hands of the Senate committee is dated July 5, 1877, and is numbered 1367. The other is dated April 17, 1899, and is numbered 35,710. This indicates the momentum with which the delusion is spreading. By the time the second certificate was issued—nearly nine months ago—the heads of the "association" must have gathered in over \$50,000, with no expenses except the cost of printing and mailing seductive circulars.

The circulars are enough to convince people more intelligent and better educated than the average ex-slave. They are profusely illustrated, and give histories of the progress of the "movement." The dissemination of this literature receives a severe set-back when Assistant Postmaster-General Heath, on the recommendation of Postmaster-General Evans, barred it from the mails. Nevertheless, though badly hampered, the promoters of the scheme continue to push their plan with increased vigor.

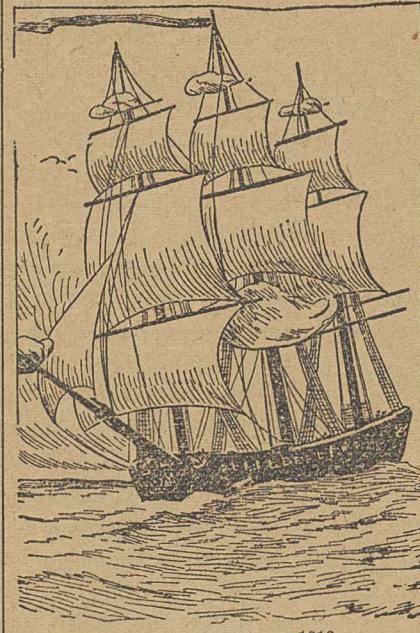
Unfortunately, it is easy enough to get some unthinking Congressman to introduce, "by request," a bill to pension ex-slaves, and this has been done in more than one Congress. Of course, the introduction of the bill is the end of it; it is promptly killed, but that is enough to accomplish the purpose of the promoters. They are able to say that a bill has been or will be introduced, that money is needed for "expenses," and the victims, encouraged by the news, fall over themselves in their hurry to pay subscriptions and dues.

Senator Gallinger, Chairman of the Committee on Pensions, has investigated the matter, and called his vigorous denunciation to those of Commissioner Evans and Mr. Heath. The victims, however, belong to a class that is hard to reach in the main, and the lie is traveling a long way while the truth is getting its boots on.

TO REPAIR THE CONSTITUTION.

Bill to Reconstitute the Old Frigate Reported Favorably.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Senator Tillman, from the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, reported favorably the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to permit the repair of the old United States Frigate Constitution and to reconstitute it.



THE CONSTITUTION IN 1812.

The bill as originally introduced authorized the frigate's use only as a training ship, but as reported it carries an amendment giving the Secretary of the Navy the option to allow its use as a "naval museum and floating monument to the glory of American sailors," to be stationed at the Washington Navy Yard, elsewhere, as the Secretary of the Navy may determine.

STEAMSHIP CUT DOWN.

Arctandhu Sinks After Collision With the Herman Winter in Vineyard Sound.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass. (Special).—The steamship Arctandhu, Captain Dundas, from New London, Conn., for Halifax, N. S., was sunk in collision with the Metropolitan liner Herman Winter, from Boston for New York City, off Robinson's Hole, Vineyard Sound, and set half way through. Two of the Arctandhu's crew of thirty-one men were lost. They were Chief Engineer James Henderson, of Glasgow, and Second Mate E. J. Smith, of Boston. The Herman Winter reached this port with her bow gone. She had on board the twenty-nine men who escaped from the Arctandhu. Her cargo was not damaged.

Small-Pox Scourge in Utah. Utah is suffering from a scourge of small-pox which has assumed alarming proportions. The disease spread from Montana to the State, and the mining camps and small towns, as well as the larger cities have it.

Druggists Want Stamp Tax Repealed. The druggists of New Hampshire are signing petitions to be presented to the United States Senate by Senators Chandler and Gallinger asking for the repeal of all stamp taxes affecting the drug and medicine trade. The druggists assert that the war tax bears harder upon them than upon any other trade.

Plague Bacillus Found on Rats. The bacillus of the bubonic plague, raging in Adelaide, Australia, has been found on dead rats in a place where a plague patient was isolated. The Australian colonies have declared Adelaide an infected port.

VAGARIES OF THE NEWS

Unusual Incidents Occurring in Various Places.

TRAMP RAN DISTRICT SCHOOL.

He Cooked a Fowl, Dismissed Teacher and Heard Lessons While He Ate—A Farmer's Find in the Hollow of a Tree—One Man's Queer Delusion—Burglars' Singular Booby.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (Special).—Officers and citizens of the town of Grovo, Allegany County, are searching for a tramp living his name as Thomas G. Roosevelt. Roosevelt broke into the district schoolhouse on Sunday and camped there for the night. The first scholars entering on Monday morning discovered the tramp in the act of cooking a fowl on the stove. They were told by the tramp to take their seats and study their lessons until school opened.

By twos and threes the scholars came in and were directed to spend the time in study until their new teacher had finished his breakfast. Just before the time for school to open, the teacher, a pretty miss, arrived. She was informed that her services were not required, and the tramp, taking up a plank in the platform, called the school to order.

In the meantime the real teacher informed a number of farmers of the state of affairs, and they burst in, filled with ire. Roosevelt pulled an old pistol from his pocket, at sight of which the men scattered. After sending a number of scholars to the blackboard to do their arithmetic problems and finishing his repast, the tramp told the scholars that he was ready to go to Grovo to teach school, and they were honored by his presence in the school. He then departed, and has not been captured yet.

CAUGHT ELEVEN COONS NAPPING.

Maine Farmer Found Animals in a Dead Tree Trunk.

BANGOR, Me. (Special).—Farmer George Brown, of Chesterville, went into the woods the other day to get dry fuel, and he got a better load than he expected. He saw a giant pine stub, or dead trunk, on the edge of an icy marsh, cut it down, and began to chop it into lengths. Soon he felt his axe strike something soft as it broke through the shell of the stub. Thinking that there might be a bear inside, Brown proceeded cautiously, using wooden wedges to split the stub apart. When the hollow, dry log fell in halves, there in the cavity lay eight fat coons, snugly housed away for the winter. Further up in the trunk were two more coons, while in the trunk was a fifty-pounder—the biggest and fattest of the lot. Brown thought, besides a cord of dry wood, over 300 pounds of coon meat and eleven coon skins, and ever since that day he has quite all other work and goes about in the woods looking for more hollow stumps with coons in them.

The best time to find these snug harbors for coons is just after a snowstorm, when the warm breath of the coons melts large spots in the snow on the tree trunks, thus betraying their presence.

MURDERER'S SPIRIT IN HIS BODY.

Singular Belief of a Man of Whom a Queer Claim is Made.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (Special).—Mrs. Richard H. Griffin avers that the spirit of Charles Bolney, who was hanged a year ago for the murder of Mary Ann Nichols, has taken up its abode in the form of Edwin Luther, who lives with his wife and four children in the house where Bolney was executed. Mrs. Griffin is a spiritualist, and she and Mrs. Luther are fast friends. Luther and his wife are believers in spiritualism. Luther has been very ill. He died, Mrs. Griffin claims, and the spirit of Charles Bolney entered his body.

LOVE LETTERS THEIR BOOTY.

Buffed Burglars Got Satisfaction in Reading Epistles of Bygone Days.

GREENWICH, Conn. (Special).—Burglars visited Sound Beach, broke into Palmer's blacksmith shop and there procured tools with which they forced their way into the postoffice. All the stamps and money were in the postmaster's house, so the burglars contented themselves with opening letters.

Next they went to the railroad station and got a bundle of tickets and opened a tin box in which the station agent kept a package of love letters of bygone days. They opened and read all these letters and took some of them away.

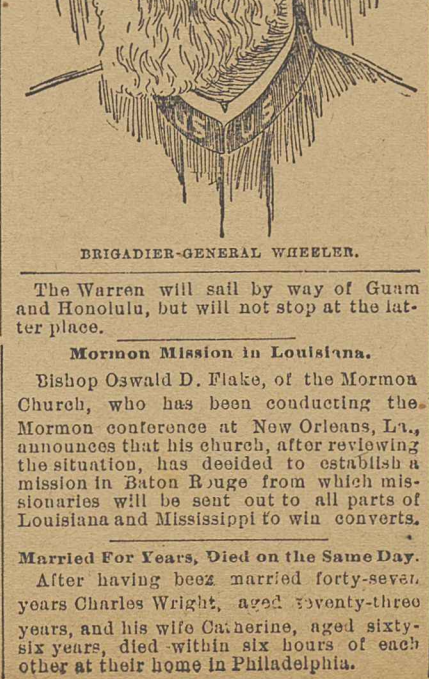
Kentucky's Day of Prayer.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Special).—Services of humiliation and prayer were held here Tuesday in all the churches, the result of the recent tragedies and the fear of bloodshed over the gubernatorial contest. Every meeting had its sprinkling of legislators.

WHEELER SAILS FOR HOME.

He Leaves Manila for the United States on the Transport Warren.

MANILA (By Cable).—Brigadier-General Wheeler, who has been campaigning in the Philippines, left here for the United States on the transport Warren.



BRIGADIER-GENERAL WHEELER.

The Warren will sail by way of Guam and Honolulu, but will not stop at the latter place.

Mormon Mission in Louisiana. Bishop Oswald D. Flake, of the Mormon Church, who has been conducting the Mormon conference at New Orleans, La., announces that his church, after reviewing the situation, has decided to establish a mission in Baton Rouge from which missionaries will be sent out to all parts of Louisiana and Mississippi to win converts.

Married For Years, Died on the Same Day. After having been married forty-seven years Charles Wright, aged twenty-three years, and his wife Catherine, aged sixty-six years, died within six hours of each other at their home in Philadelphia.

HEIGHTS TAKEN BY STORM

General Warren Captures an Important Boer Position.

After an All-Night Fight He Occupies a Kop Commanding the Burglars' Trenches Near Ladysmith.

LONDON (By Cable).—At last the terrible suspense has been relieved by the news of a British victory, which, although not final, raised the hopes of the empire that General Buller would succeed in pounding his way into Ladysmith.

General Warren's division carried Spion Kop by storm on Tuesday night and held it all the next day, though heavily attacked by the Boers.

The British loss was heavy. Among the wounded is General E. R. P. Woodgate, in command of the Ninth Brigade, Fourth Division, who was struck by a Boer shell and dangerously wounded.

General Warren believed that the position of the enemy beyond Spion Kop is untenable and that he would soon be able to dislodge them, thereby clearing the way for the onward movement to the relief of Ladysmith.

The news of the capture of the Boer stronghold came Thursday morning in a dispatch from Spionkop's Camp, and was received with pathetic and almost hysterical joy by the crowd which surrounded the War Office.

FAVORS SUBMARINE BOATS.

Reports of the Naval Board of Construction to Secretary Long.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The report of the Board of Construction declining to recommend the purchase of the submarine torpedo boat Holland has been handed to the Secretary of the Navy. A minority report is submitted by Rear-Admiral Philip Hichborn, Chief Constructor, the only member of the board who is favorable to the purchase of the Holland. It is shown by the board's report that its action was based on a proposition from the Holland Torpedo Boat Company to sell the Holland to the Government for \$165,000, or, with certain modifications, for \$170,000, or to build two new and larger boats in accordance with plans submitted by the company for \$170,000 each.

Four of the members of the Board united in a majority report recommending the rejection of the proposition, based on the fact that the company is now a delinquent in the case of the submarine boat Hanger, on account of which the Government has already paid \$89,716, with no likelihood of her completion in the near future. If the company makes satisfactory settlement for the Hanger then the Board will be obliged to build one of the larger boats, but not to purchase the Holland.

The Chief Constructor, Rear-Admiral Hichborn, submitted a minority report declaring that the majority did not give sufficient credit and encouragement to the enterprise of the company. He declared that the results obtained by the Holland were satisfactory, and that in view of the small cost of submarine boats the Government should not reject the Holland and order two larger boats.

PHILIPPINE PORTS OPEN.

Restrictions Removed From the Western Coast of Panay.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—General Otis reported to the War Department that the western coast of the island of Panay is now open for trade, and that the coast of Laguna de Bay and the neighboring sections of the country will also be opened to unrestricted traffic by the end of the week.

He also reported several minor engagements with the insurgents, in which the American arms met with the usual success, the enemy lost heavily and a large amount of arms and ammunition was captured.

Lieutenant Stockley Missing.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—General Otis has called the War Department as follows: "Lieutenant Stockley, Twenty-first Infantry, has been missing since the 12th inst. He was last seen at a point on the Tullahoma, near San Tomas, Bataan, and was evidently captured. Search is still being prosecuted."

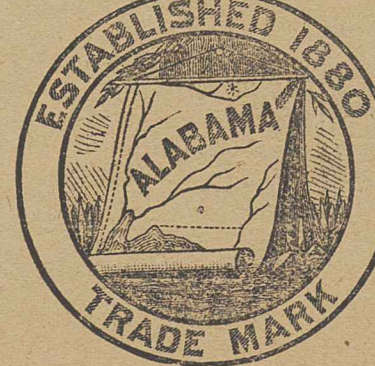
SWORD OF HONOR FOR WAINWRIGHT.

To Commemorate His Work in Sinking the Furor and the Pluton.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—A sword was presented to Commander Richard Wainwright, who was Captain of the Gloucester in the battle

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COOKING A HUSBAND.

A Few Simple Rules for Making Them Tender and Digestible.

In selecting your husband you should not be guided by the silvery appearance as in buying mackerel, or by the golden tint, as if you wanted salmon. Be sure to select him yourself, as tastes differ. Don't go shopping for him, as the best are always brought to your door. When bought, tie him in the saucpan with a strong cord called Comfort—as the kind called Duty is apt to be weak. Husbands sometimes fly out of the saucpan and become burned and rusty on the edges, since, like lobsters and oysters, you have to cook them alive. Make a clear, strong, steady fire out of Love, Neatness and Cheerfulness. Set him, as near this as seems to agree with him. If he sputters and fizzes don't be anxious. Some husbands do this until they are quite done. Add a little sugar in the form of Kisses, but no vinegar or pepper. A little spice improves husbands, but it must be used with judgment. Don't stick any sharp instrument into him to see if he is becoming tender. Stir him gently, watching the while lest he should lie too close to the saucpan and so become tasteless. You cannot fall to know when he is done. If thus treated you will find him very digestible, agreeing nicely with you and the children.

The fastest train on record for regular running at high speed is shortly to be put on the railroad between Manchester and Liverpool, England. The distance of forty miles will be traversed in twenty minutes. The road is a single rail system, the invention of M. Bohr.

Half a Bottle Cured Me

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The difference between a wit and a humorist is that a wit says things and a humorist writes them.

Sharkey has a new blow which he calls his "Dewey destroyer," but Jeffries may be nursing an "Oom Paul hook."

Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy will possibly succeed in time. But the old-fashioned wires are still employed in announcing the results of his experiments.

Some of the messages exchanged in South Africa show that the Boer has no hesitation in considering his sense of humor quite equal to that of the Englishman.

Two New York youngsters, inspired with a liking for pie, started on a journey to Philadelphia, where some one had told them it was cheap and plenty.

The laws of Mexico provide that a Mormon who wishes to take a second wife must present a certificate signed by his first wife to the effect that she is willing, and he must also have the express consent of the second wife and her parents.

Out of an equal number of bachelors and widowers between twenty-five and thirty years of age, thirty widowers remarry for every thirteen bachelors who enter the world of Hymen for the first time. For every spinster married between twenty and thirty years of age, there are twenty-five widows who are remarried. Both facts are eloquent in favor of the comparative advantages of matrimony.

The number of new railway cars built last year, exclusive of cars constructed by the railroad companies themselves, was 123,898. Of these 117,982 were freight cars; and yet there was hardly a line of railroad in the country which had cars enough for the freights offered for transportation.

The United States could well afford to take pattern after Germany in the matter of forestry. In that country trees are never ruthlessly destroyed, and replanting keeps pace with necessary destruction.

San Francisco girls have a new fad. They think boxing makes them beautiful and all the fashionable maidens out there are learning how to use "the mitts." Slender young men who are looking for life partners should keep away from San Francisco.

When the nineteenth century ends, it will close without a peer among those that have passed before it. It has paved the way for more wondrous developments to follow and no man can now divine what the near future has in store for the benefit of humanity.

In no other country have rich men given so much money to the cause of education, religion and charity during recent years as they have in the United States. The habit of giving to these noble causes seems to be growing upon wealthy citizens of the United States, and during the year 1899 they made a record which has never been equalled in this or any other country.

An approved sea maxim teaches that the landsman who is to become a neat, two-handed sailor must be caught early and be given such special training as will fit him for the duties and inure him to the hardships of an arduous trade. Realizing the importance of this discipline, the Navy Department has asked Congress to authorize the construction of two additional auxiliary steamers, and to emphasize its belief in the system has detailed two vessels—the Hartford and the Dixie—for the specific training of landsmen. The appropriation has the approval of our best officers, and, as it makes for efficiency, should be authorized with encouraging diligence.

A fellow who has been slashing and cutting the dresses of women on the streets and elsewhere says that his vicious practice is the result of a disease and beyond his control. Yes, there is a story of a dog that had a disease beyond his control; but it was cured by clipping off his tail—right behind his ears. This dress slasher probably doesn't need quite so heroic treatment, but there is little doubt that something could be devised that would cure him.

In one of the historical volumes of John F. Maginness is recounted a most remarkable coincidence. On the very day that the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed and Old Liberty Bell proclaimed the joyful news in Philadelphia, a little band of Scotch-Irish settlers, without any knowledge, of course, of what was occurring elsewhere, assembled at a certain place on the banks of Pine Creek, about fourteen miles above where now stands the city of Williamsport, and declared themselves free from the yoke of British rule.

The object of sending a person who has been found guilty of crime to State prison is primarily to satisfy the demands of justice. He has broken the law and by so doing has revealed himself as a more or less dangerous member of society. Let law-breakers go unrehabilitated and savagery would take the place of civilization. But it behooves society to take care that in punishing malefactors it does not demoralize them so that they will leave prison worse than when they entered it. If this consideration is lost sight of our penal institutions must become not reformatories, but nurseries of degradation, promoters of vice. Accordingly, in the wisely managed prisons of to-day, convicts receive the benefit of commutations for good conduct, religious services, wholesome reading, not to speak of the unspeakable blessing of daily work.

It is a notable event in our industrial history that, last year, we took our place at the head of the coal-pro-

ducing countries of the world. For thirty years the four largest producers, Great Britain, the United States, Germany and France, have been increasing their output steadily; but no country has equalled the percentage of increase. Between 1870 and 1895 we trebled our production; and finally we have surpassed Great Britain, which heretofore has headed the list, by an enormous increase in productivity never equalled before in a single year. Our output in 1899 was over 244,000,000 tons, which was 49,000,000 tons more than we mined in the preceding year. In other words our increase in production in one year has been greater than the entire average output of any other country in the world during the five years, 1871-5, excepting Great Britain. We produced last year nearly half as much coal as the average annual quantity mined in the whole world in the same five-year period; and our output in 1899 was about one-third of the world's production in that year, while in 1870 we supplied only seventeen per cent. of the world's output.

The mind is bewildered by the contemplation of its marvelous achievements in the nineteenth century. If time and space signified now what they did in 1800, the United States could not exist under one government. It would not be possible to maintain unity of purpose or identity of interest between communities separated by such inexpressible barriers as Oregon and Florida. But time and distance are arbitrary terms, one depending on the transmission of thought, the other on the transit of ourselves and our commodities, our manufactures and our harvest. The continent has shrunk to a span. The oceans are obliterated. London and Paris and Pekin and New York are next-door neighbors. These vast accomplishments of our race have rendered democracy possible. Steam, electricity and machinery have emancipated millions and left them free to pursue higher ranges of effort. Labor has become more remunerative. The flood of wealth has raised myriads to comfort, and many to affluence.

The fire statistics of the Journal of Commerce for 1899 make a startling showing both of the extent of fire destruction and of its alarming growth. In the United States and Canada last year fire destroyed property to the extent of \$136,773,200, an increase of more than \$17,000,000 over the losses of 1898 and more than \$26,000,000 over those of 1897. Why this enormous loss? Especially why this phenomenal increase of loss from year to year? In the cities, where nearly all the fires occur, we are supposed to be building more and more in fire-proof ways, and at the same time improving our means of preventing and extinguishing fires by the lavish expenditure of money, public and private, says the New York World. Is it all to no purpose? Why is it that, instead of decreasing, our fire losses increase so enormously every year? Are the insurance companies in any way responsible? In their mad competition for "business" have they unwittingly or recklessly put a premium upon incendiarism?

A Theory About Women.
The curtain had just gone down. "Those people in front of us must be married," said the young woman to the chaperon. "She does not talk to him but just sits and looks over the house, and only speaks once in a great while."

"Quite different from the pair back of us," said the chaperon. "That woman has discussed the play, the cast and gowns over and before the footlights. She has touched upon literature, music and art. She has discussed golf. She has pointed out persons in the audience and bored the man by trying to direct his attention to the right person, and if she thinks she is entertaining him she is mistaken. No doubt he likes her, and would enjoy the music and be content with merely her presence, but, like most foolish girls, she longs for a reputation for being entertaining."

"She is floundering terribly now, and is reduced to a joke on the programme. If she only realized the poor man is tired out, and she insists on dragging to the dress what little vitality his day's work has left him."

"Only a business woman has enough sense of justice and of proportion to understand these things. I heard a very busy woman say the other day that for the first time she could understand what had puzzled her before she went out into the world, and that is why very noted and brilliant men marry women who are nothing more than mechanical dolls. One can forget to wind them, and they never remember more than to be pretty, winsome and restful to the eye."—Philadelphia Press.

Fatalities Due to Lightning.
The number of deaths by lightning stroke in 1898 was 367 and the number of injuries 494. The places where the proportion of deaths to total population was the greatest were the Upper Missouri Valley and portions of the Rocky Mountain region. The proportion of deaths by lightning in the United States to the total population is five million, which is higher than the average of most countries.

Nine hundred and sixty-six barns, sheds, etc., 735 dwellings, stores and office buildings, 93 churches and schools and 70 other buildings were struck, 40 were provided with lightning rods, 855 were not, and in 952 cases it could not be ascertained whether the building was provided with rods or not.

Nine hundred and sixty-four head of cattle, 306 horses, 30 mules, 426 sheep and 116 dogs were killed by lightning during the year. The total value of the stock reported killed was \$48,256.

WAS VANDERBILT'S BARBER.

Anton Gegenheimer Tells of His Experiences with the Millionaire.

"To Tohy, the barber—\$2,000." When Cornelius Vanderbilt had written in his will the clause leaving \$2,000 to the barber who had shaved him for over thirty years he could not remember the man's last name or address. A World reporter talked with the barber yesterday. "Yes," said Anton Gegenheimer—for he is "Tony"—when seen at his home, 78 Essex street, Brooklyn, "I am the man who shaved Mr. Vanderbilt and cut his hair for thirty years. I shaved him first in 1853, on Fourth avenue, on the east side, between Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets." "Did you always shave him at the shop?" asked the reporter. "No. I used to go to his house. First I went to shave him at Thirty-fourth and Park avenue, and later at his new Fifth avenue mansion. I shaved him every morning at 7:30 before he was taken sick. After that I shaved him every day at 9:30 a. m. After he had the stroke I used to shave him most of the time in bed. I always shaved him in his bedroom. I used to cut his hair—that is, trim it—every eight or ten days. I used to cut it short in the back and short on top—just left it long enough so I could part it on the right side. I never put much grease in his hair. I only used bay rum as a rule, because he liked his hair to be dry. We had no regular barber chair. We had a very high-backed chair, something like one of these new-fashioned dining chairs. It had a headpiece on it like a barber's chair. He had all his own outfit, but I used my own razors. His razors—he had bought them in England, I think—were too thick. He had a plain, solid silver shaving cup and a silver-handled shaving brush. I used the regular barber's soap. I used to go over his face twice each time. Mr. Vanderbilt did not like a close shave, just smooth, that's all. Every time I cut his hair I trimmed his mutton-chop whiskers." Anton Gegenheimer, who is a quiet, undersized man, with gray hair and mustache, shaved William H. Vanderbilt, the father of Cornelius, for seven years and up to his death. "Yes," said Mr. Gegenheimer, "I shaved William H. Vanderbilt just one hour before he died, in 1885."—New York World.

HOME OF GEROME.

To most people Leon Gerome is better known as a painter than as a sculptor, but of late years he has achieved some triumphs in marble. His home is on the fashionable heights of Montmartre, Paris. The entrance to the three-story edifice is by a large hall and staircase, on the walls of which are numerous pieces of sculpture by Gerome himself, to say nothing of the bronzes and costly bric-a-brac he has accumulated.

The salon faces the landing on the staircase. The dining room is arranged with a gallery for musicians which gives access to the bedrooms on the floor above. It is upholstered in bright warm red.

The studio is on the third floor, and here for forty years Gerome has worked. An Abyssinian cat is the lord of this studio, and it is well to be on good terms with him, for he resents intrusion. All sorts of studies are scattered about, and the artist's love for ancient armor is betrayed by his fine collection. The most treasured of his trophies are two helmets in beaten silver with Damascus work of fine gold tracery.

Strange Epitaph.
Visitors in the Presbyterian cemetery at Dover, Del., found in a distant section of the cemetery, some forty feet apart, graves of three young women. They are the wives of Alexander McClyment, a former assemblyman and well-known citizen of the early part of the century. On the slab of Sarah, who died in 1811, is inscribed: "Oh monster! My heart is torn asunder by this ghastly wound." In 1816 Elizabeth, the second wife, died, aged 22, and her tomb contains words even stronger: "Insatiate archer! Would not one suffice?" But in 1825, when Elizabeth, the third wife, died at the age of 25, the sorrow-stricken husband wrote: "Thy shaft fell thrice and thrice my peace was slain!"—Chattanooga Times.

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The following somewhat irreverent story is going the rounds of the press in relation to "Fighting Bob" Evans. Dressed in a plain suit of clothing, he went to church on a recent Sunday and seated himself in a vacant pew about midway up the aisle. Soon afterward a gentleman and a lady walked in and seated themselves in the same pew. The gentleman stood it as long as he could and then passed his card over to Bob, which read as follows: "I pay \$2,200 annually for this pew." Bob glanced at the card and then passed it back with the following written on the other side: "You pay too damned much." The preacher then announced his text: "It is blessed to dwell together in the house of the Lord."—De Kalb Chronicle.

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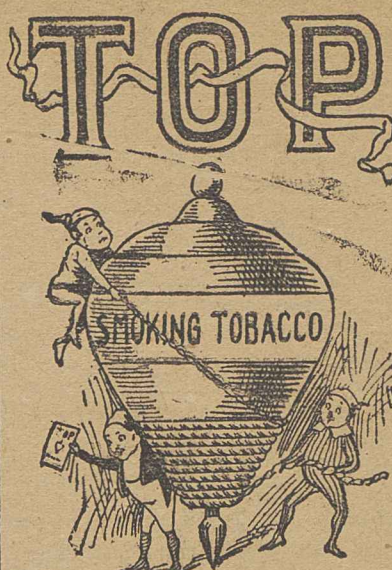
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LORD ROBERTS'S SCOUT.

SOUTH AFRICAN EXPLOITS OF A NERVOUS AMERICAN.

Frederick R. Burnham Called to Capetown to Help the British Commander in the War Against the Boers—Kaffirs Bewildered by Him with Fireworks.

Henry Chetworth, of San Francisco, was speaking the other day to a New York Tribune reporter of the Boer war at the Waldorf-Astoria, and in the course of his remarks he said: "I noted the other day in the newspaper that Frederick R. Burnham, in response to a request on the part of the English Government, is now on his way to South Africa to act as scout for Lord Roberts, on whose staff he will be."

"For iron nerve, coolness in the face of imminent danger, and fertility of resource in extricating himself from difficult and well-nigh impossible positions, Burnham's name stands at the head of the list of men who have fought the different savage races in the course of the settlement of South Africa. Originally from Southern California, Burnham early drifted to Nevada, and later to New Mexico, where he engaged in Indian scouting, an experience that has of infinite value to him when pitted against the South African savages. When Dr. Jameson went into Matabeleland and conquered the Matabeles, about 1894, it was Burnham who saved the little command of a thousand men from extermination, and made that conquest possible. Jameson had made his laager for the night (a laager consists of all the wagons arranged in a circle, in the centre of which the cattle are grouped, and the defenders shoot at the enemy from underneath the wagons) when Burnham and another scout named Ingham came in and reported that the Kaffirs to the number of twenty thousand, under the command of Lobengula, were surrounding them, and that in the attack which would follow Jameson's laager would be overcome and wiped out of existence from sheer force of numbers. The situation was desperate, the laager could not then be changed, and nothing seemed left but to put up the best fight they could, albeit a hopeless one. Burnham, however, went to Jameson and, saying that there might still be a chance if Lobengula's force could be divided, asked him for all the blue-fire, skyrockets and explosives for signaling purposes that could be spared. A wagon was then drawn back, and through this opening Burnham and Ingham rode out. So astounded were the savages that they did not open fire, and the two men were able to set off their fireworks before a hostile move was made. Never before had the Kaffirs seen fireworks, and they broke and ran for it in every direction. Before Lobengula could again gather an attacking force the laager was removed to an impregnable position and the command saved. How Matabeleland was later conquered is now a matter of history."

"It seems funny," said Allen Colby, who was present, "that an Outlander of so many years' standing as Chetworth should in telling you a story illustrative of Burnham miss the most famous act of his life, and one that has for this last year been daily re-enacted at the great Kaffir Show in London. When Lobengula again became troublesome the English placed a price on his head, and in an effort to secure him Major Wilson, with a little band of thirty, went into Matabele Land. Just after crossing the Zambesi River they fell into a trap and found themselves surrounded by at least seven thousand Kaffirs. Without immediate assistance the end was at hand, as every man there knew. Across the Zambesi and some distance away was another British force. Burnham and Ingham were Wilson's scouts, and they offered to make the attempt to break through. Shortly after the start, however, they were surrounded, but Burnham, recognizing the chief in command, rode up, and, covering him with his rifle, ordered him under penalty of instant death to do them no harm. Holding the chief at the point of his gun while Ingham covered his rear, the trio made their way to the banks of the Zambesi, every warrior remaining where he was, for fear of bringing about the death of his chief. They then turned the chief loose, and, after swimming the river in safety, came up with the other British force. The commanding officer refused to go to Wilson's aid, on the ground that his men were then engaged with the Zulus. The next day a Kaffir runner brought in word that, like Custer's force at Little Big Horn, Wilson's command had been exterminated."

"Just after the Jameson raid fiasco the Matabeles again broke out, Lobengula was by this time dead, and the British were at their wits' end to find out who was leading them. A captured Kaffir finally told them that it was a witch doctor who was directing their movements. Burnham was asked to try and locate and, if possible, capture him. Speaking Kaffir perfectly, he was able to pick up information, and at last heard of a fire dance that was to be held on a certain night in front of the cave in which the witch doctor lived. After waiting for some time in the shadows, he saw his man advance from the cave, rode into the crowd, and, pistoling the witch doctor, swung his body on the crupper of his saddle, and in the confusion that ensued managed to escape under cover of the night."

"I suppose Lord Roberts wants him to go after 'Oom' Paul, and it's good betting that Burnham will get him if he makes the attempt."

"I have the Order in My Pocket."

The above remark was made by Sir Thomas Brisbane in the West Indies, while serving as a young officer under Sir Ralph Abercromby. Sir Thomas at the time was marching up to take a fort which was deemed impregnable, when he was met by a brother officer, who declared that "it cannot be taken." "It can," replied the gallant Sir Thomas Brisbane. "I have the order in my pocket." This was no idle boast, since he and his men did take it.—London Spectator.

FIRST GATLING GUN.

Its Origin Wrapped in Some Obscurity—A "Peace-Maker."

The early inception of the Gatling gun is wrapped in much obscurity. Some French critics claim that their mitrailleuse antedates it, but there is absolutely incontrovertible proof that not only is this not so, but that the French Government made strenuous efforts to secure exclusive control of Gatling's invention; failing which their competing mitrailleuse quickly followed the adoption of the doctor's gun by the American authorities. Some good Christians have claimed that Dr. Gatling invented his famous weapon from humanitarian motives—an argument which has some weight, as we well know that a mob, or a regiment even, will very quickly get out of range and danger when once it is known that such a gun is facing them. The doctor himself calls his invention a "peace-maker," but, with the greatest respect to him, I do not believe he had any idea of saving life or anything of that sort in mind while at work upon the gun, whatever he may have thought of it since. There was a field for weapons, offensive and defensive, the more murderous the former the better, and from what then existed in firearms and from the fertility of his own brain the Gatling gun was evolved—the first of its kind.

His experimental gun was made and tested before military men and experts at Indianapolis in 1862. When the first lot—paid for by Dr. Gatling—was ready for shipment to General Butler, the factory burned, and with it his guns were destroyed and his hopes blighted. Another year and many thousands of dollars were spent to remake the patterns and drawings and a new batch of guns—a year of heart-burning, pinching and sacrifice that many of us, at some time or another, have experienced, and therefore can sympathize with the sufferer. General Butler used some of these guns on the James River, near Richmond, and the way in which they were cherished by them is so amazing when one thinks of the humanitarian theories attributed to their origin.

In 1863 the Government officially approved the gun, and, after tests that made an inventor shiver to think of, placed an order for 100.

Then not only did the powers of Europe order guns, but so did China, Japan, Siam, Egypt and the South American countries. A machine gun that spread devastation in a swath wider than a company of infantry, and fired inch bullets at the rate of 1,200 a minute (to-day, fired electrically, its speed is slightly in excess of 3,000 per minute), was a revelation to most foreign experts, and no Christian or other power could long withstand the temptation of moving down its Christian or other foes at any such rate and by machinery.

RED RICE PLANTERS.

Of Late Years It Has Increased in Quantity on the Plantations.

The rice planters and millers of southwestern Louisiana are having some trouble with the crop of this season. For some unaccountable reason a considerable percentage of it is red. This is not the first season that red grains have appeared among the white, to be sure, but never before has the proportion been so large. An examination by chemists has shown that the red rice is equally as nutritious as white. The value of the article as a matter of food is not in the least injured by the red grains. But the fact remains that the colored grains injure the sale of the rice they appear in. There is a movement on foot among the millers looking to the removal of the prejudice against red rice on the part of consumers, but it may be doubtful that it will be attended speedily with gratifying results. It is very hard to remove a prejudice, especially when it has to do with the food one eats.

Red rice, it is said, grows more rapidly with less cultivation and ripens quicker than the white variety. Where it originated is not known, but supposition among Louisiana planters is that it is the result of careless or insufficient cultivation of white rice. Once a field or plantation begins to show red grains it is a matter of extreme difficulty to prevent the red from increasing rapidly, while without losing one or more crops it is almost an impossibility to eradicate it. Maturing before the white grains, the red rice drops seeds to the ground before the crop is ready to be harvested. These seeds lie during the winter and germinate and grow the next spring. No way has been found to destroy the red seeds left on the ground, except to permit them to spring up alone and then cut down and destroy the plants before they have time to reproduce other seeds. This, however, is a very costly process, and one which is not likely to be resorted to often.

The Fever Tree.

Throughout almost the whole of the Transvaal you come across every now and then some species of dreaded fever tree—a twisted, distorted tree, whose livid green trunk and branches bear no leaf or blossom. In appearance it is quite the most sinister bit of vegetation imaginable, and no matter how weary his oxen or how heavy his own feet, the South African trekker or prospector will plod on for miles rather than outspan even for one night in the neighborhood of this baleful tree.

Extremely So.

Mrs. Borem—My daughter is very ambitious musically. She's determined to master the most difficult pieces. She's been trying all day.

Mrs. Nextdoor—Yes, indeed, very.

Mrs. Borem—Very ambitious, you mean?

Mrs. Nextdoor—No. Trying.—Philadelphia Press.

HUNTING WITH A CAMERA.

Exciting Sports for Those Too Tender-Hearted to Kill Game.

There is a girl in Chicago, who has hunted various kinds of game—bear, deer, partridge—this autumn with her camera, and she found life so delightful while thus occupied that she can hardly stop talking about it. Clad in true hunter's garb and bearing a trusty camera instead of a rifle, the girl went forth to hunt bear. Tripods are of small service in the woods and swamps, so the camera was slung over the shoulder by a strap. For three days the regulation party, of which the girl made one, hunted bear with much energy and persistence; then its members rested from their labors long enough to attend a rural wedding ceremony at a little forest church. Leaving the church half an hour after tea, they encountered a vociferous shout from one of their fellow-worshippers. A few yards down the road a huge black bear lumbered easily along, her claws on either side. The guns of the more seasoned hunters were at their shoulders on the instant. But the camera, alas! was still under the church seat, where the instinct of conventionality had led the girl to slip it while the service was in progress. The only satisfaction which the girl got out of that meeting with the bear was a good cry over the moanings and lamentations of the little child who desecrated by the prowess of the other hunters. And it was the only bear seen during the trip.

The hunting of the partridge is a keen joy to the nature lover. The photographing of the little brownies is quite another thing. They were by no means difficult to trace or come up with in the Canadian and Wisconsin woods, being so tame that one could easily get within 20 yards before they took alarm. But partridges at 20 yards are but small specks upon the finding glass of the ordinary camera, and when suddenly discovered either the soft light filtering down through the interlacing tree tops was insufficient for photographic purposes or the birds were too quick for even an instantaneous snapshot.

The single partridge plucked obtained was that of a small covey. Working the open road in peace and security, and the birds looked altogether too much like a flock of little chickens to render this picture of much value. Besides, the knowledge that the gun hunters, whose "first thing" it was not at that moment, were fairly dancing with impatience and longing, was by no means conducive to steady nerves, and resulted in a wavy representation of birds and roadway less satisfying than unique.

Dear hunting, she said, "I am almost killed the deer. When the joy of it was dampened considerably, in more ways than in one. Twice, also, the camera hunter had "buck fever," and simply gazed spellbound at the fine stag driven out into the open before her. Until it had gracefully leaped a thick and hastened away. The other hunters who waited for her to "do," as their signal to shoot, had no chance at all. After this experience had been twice theirs, they restricted the camera hunter's chances to one in three instead of turn and turn about. Once and once only was a fine deer picture obtained, and then the camera was overturned shortly after and the picture spoiled, but the deer was a magnificent fellow. As he stood outlined against the sky line he looked noble; the camera hunter openly rejoiced that nobody else "got him."

Use of the Hump.

There are some men in this world who can answer any question that is put to them, and sometimes when they do not really know what they are talking about they will give answers that are not at all bad. One of these persons was once a keeper of the London Zoo. He was pestered to death by the questions which people asked, but he always gave an answer. On a recent occasion a countryman strolled in, and, after looking curiously at the camel for a few moments, he turned to the keeper and said:

"I say, mister, what's he have a hump for?"

"What does he have a hump for?" repeated the keeper.

"Yes. What's the good of it?" asked the visitor.

"Why—or it makes a camel of him, of course," replied the keeper after some hesitation. "People wouldn't travel miles to see him if he didn't have that hump. Fact is, without it he might as well be a cow."

The stranger departed very well satisfied.—Detroit Free Press.

Women Leech-Fishers.

One of the most peculiar industries in which women ever engaged was that of leech-fishing. Sixty years ago leeches were in much greater demand than they are today, and their capture and sale proved so profitable that women were willing to make martyrs of themselves for cash. It was mostly Scotch women who engaged in the business. They would wade in the shallow pools of the Lincolne shire fens, with their legs bared, until the entire surface of their limbs were covered with the slimy, clinging creatures. When this stage of the fishing was reached, they would go ashore, drag the leeches from their feeding ground, and put them in small wooden barrels, which were then strapped on their backs and taken to the Scotch markets, where they were readily disposed of at good prices.

Bird Caught by a Clam.

On the seashore many curious accidents happen to birds. Hunters are according to popular incidents that came under their notice. There is the case of the plover which got caught by a clam. In hunting on the exposed flats at low tide it must have caught sight of a tempting clam, which was enjoying the scenery with shell half open. The plover's greed might have proved destructive to it if a nearby hunter had not discovered its plight. The clam closed its shell with a vice-like grip as soon as the bird's bill struck it, and the bird fluttered violently and vainly tried to escape. It is not very often, however, that the shore birds get caught in this way, for they give a wide berth to all of the mollusks whose power of contraction is sufficient to imprison them.—Washington Star.

DON'T WORRY.

A Few of the Epigrammatists' Shots at Woman's Chief Foe.

Worry is the father of insomnia. Worry is forethought gone to seed. Worry is discounting possible future sorrows so that the individual may have present misery. Worry is not one large individual sorrow; it is a colony of petty, vague, insignificant, restless imps of fear, that become important only from their combination, their constancy, their iteration. Worry is the traitor in our camp that dampens our powder, weakens our aim; under the guise of helping us to bear the present and to be ready for the future worry multiplies enemies within our mind to sap our strength. Worry must not be confused with anxiety, though both words agree in meaning originally, a "choking," or a "strangling," referring, of course, to the throttling effect upon individual activity. Anxiety faces large issues of life seriously, calmly, with dignity. Anxiety always suggests hopeful possibility; it is active in being ready and devising measures to meet the outcome. Worry is the dominance of the mind by a single, vague, restless, unsatisfied, fearing and fearful idea. The mental energy and force that should be concentrated on the successive duties of the day is constantly and surreptitiously abstracted and absorbed by this one fixed idea.

Eczema in the Feet.

In fact, letter, ringworm and all skin diseases are cured by Tetterine. Mr. Lee D. Martin, of San Antonio, Texas, says: "I am suffering with a violent case of eczema in my feet. Please send me a box of Tetterine. Mr. Moore of Moore & McFarland, Memphis, Tenn., says it cured him of a similar case." Sold at druggists 60c. a box or sent postpaid by J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

Wrapping Up the Coin in Paper.

One of the lesser, but established heaver customs of the city is that of wrapping up in paper coins thrown to the organ grinder, says the Sun. There are no monkeys now to climb up and take the money; they are not permitted to be carried in the city, and if they were they could not climb to the upper stories of the tall flats and tenements. The money from them must be thrown down. The organ grinder, however, nowadays a big organ on wheels, to pick up or to hunt for the money, that work is now attended to by somebody else who goes about with the organ grinder to help, if necessary, to pull the organ and to look after and pick up contributions. And even so, with nobody doing what used to be done for them, some coins would be lost if thrown from windows high in the air to strike upon the pavement below and bound by wind away. Hence the common practice in these days of doing up in a piece of paper the coin thrown from a high window. The paper deadens the fall and keeps it from bounding, and it serves also to mark where the coin lies.

A woman, Mrs. Mary P. Slosson, is the regular chaplain of the Wyoming State penitentiary.



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STATE NEWS SUMMARY.

Current Events From All Parts of Alabama Briefly Chronicled.

THE TREASURY OVERFLOWING WITH MONEY

Largest Balance in a Quarter of a Century—Increase is Over Half a Million—Railroad Assessments. Mine Inspector's Report.

The heavy increase in the tax rate by the last general assembly is having a telling effect on the condition of the state treasury. There is probably the largest balance in the treasury now in the history of the state, or at least for the last quarter century. At the close of business Thursday the balance in the treasury was \$1,018,716.07. On the corresponding date last year the balance in the treasury was \$500,172.92, showing a gain this year over last of \$518,543.15. This big increase is largely due to the special tax levied by the last legislature for the soldiers and public schools. Of the increase \$262,000 comes from this source. Also included in the estimate is \$56,000 received from the sale of university lands, and \$24,340 unexpected interest money. These items foot up a total of \$342,340, and makes a showing for all of the increase save \$171,208. This balance in the increase is made up by the unexpected balances of the several departments. There are \$17,566 to the credit of the agricultural department, and \$18,005 to the credit of the convict fund, among the special funds mentioned above.

Tax payers have been unusually prompt this year in settling with the state. The per cent of payments is much greater than at this date a year ago. Up to the close of business Thursday the receipts from October 1, 1899, were as follows:

State tax.....	\$26,969.93
Special soldiers' tax.....	173,729.25
Special school tax.....	172,472.70
Pol. tax.....	104,270.83
Licenses and other sources.....	414,018.36
Total.....	\$1,790,448.62

The total receipts to the corresponding date last year from all sources were \$1,345,761.21. The total disbursements since October 1, 1899, have been \$948,814.28, as against \$920,881.58 to the corresponding date a year ago, showing an increase this year over last of \$27,482.70.

Mine Inspector's Report.
Chief Mine Inspector Hooper has filed his January report with the governor. The inspector makes the very gratifying report that no serious accidents occurred in the mines during the month. In the text of the report he says:
"For the month of January I have no fatal accidents to report, and but three minor accidents occurred during the month. The convict mines continue their unprecedented record of absence from fatal accidents."

Hibernians to Aid the Boers.
The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Dominion of Alabama, will show their practical sympathy for the Boers in the war which the latter are now waging with the British. A per capita tax of 50 cents will be sent from the state to the national treasurer of the Hibernians at Washington for the purpose of adding to the fund that is now being gotten up to equip a hospital corps for sick and wounded Boers. There are several hundred members of the organization in this state, and between \$300 and \$500 will be raised for the fund.

Railroad Assessments.
The state board of railway assessment has concluded its work of assessment for the next year. The board is composed of the governor, the secretary of state, the auditor and the treasurer, with the attorney general as legal adviser. The work of the board shows an increase in the assessments of the railroad property of the state of about three-quarters of a million dollars.

Appropriation Recommended.
The secretary of the interior has recommended an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Two Men Killed By an Explosion.
At the iron mines of Wilson & Worthington, at Rock Run, Foreman G. W. Cross and a negro named Gus Leach were killed by a premature explosion. Mr. Cross and the negro were preparing to make a blast when the explosion occurred. Both of them were horribly mangled and instantly killed.

Alabama's Coal Output for 1899.

State Mine Inspector J. B. Hooper has almost completed the work of compiling figures on last year's coal production in Alabama. From the official figures already at hand, 6,618,526 tons of coal are accounted for. This coal came from eighty-six mines, which employ 11,529 men. There are about fifteen more mines yet to be heard from and their returns will add fully 600,000 more tons to the above figures. The out of 1898 was 6,466,741 tons. It is thus shown that last year's production as accounted for up to date has exceeded that of 1898 by 146,785 tons. This increase will go to three-quarters of a million tons, so it is expected when complete returns come in. Jefferson county shows the greatest production, turning out almost two-thirds of the state's output. So far as accounted for its production last year amounted to 4,150,879 tons, against 4,032,720 during the year 1898, showing, with incomplete figures in, an increase of 117,659 tons. There are yet several Jefferson county mines to be heard from.

Addition to Dallas Cotton Mills.
The contract for the erection of the addition to the Dallas mills in Huntsville, has been let to George B. Hinman, of Atlanta. The addition will be as large as the present building, and will accommodate 25,000 spindles, as well as 1,250 Draper looms of the latest pattern. It is understood that the building will be completed by October 1. The addition will make the Dallas one of the largest mills in the south. The new machinery will be devoted almost exclusively to the manufacture of cloth for the Oriental trade, a number of orders already having been placed with brokers for China and Japan.

Republican Conventions.

The republican convention of Tuscaloosa county met Saturday. The six delegates were instructed for McKinley as president and William Vaughan, of Birmingham, as state chairman. Franklin county gave Bingham three delegates and Vaughan one. Vaughan also carried Crenshaw, Geneva and Covington counties.

Another Cotton Mill for Anniston.
The splendid success of the three large cotton mills which Anniston already has in operation has caused the inauguration of a movement to build a fourth mill, to cost \$100,000, by home capital. L. H. Kaplan already has a \$1,000 check up for his part, and many others have expressed their willingness to take stock.

Negro Burned to Death.
Amos McDerry, a negro who is said to be 111 years old, was burned to death at McDerry's station, Talladega county. He lived alone in a three-room cottage, and being very feeble his simple wants had been provided for for several years by members of the McDerry family, to which he formerly belonged.

New Enterprise in New Decatur.
A Greater New York company has purchased the site and buildings of the old United States Rolling Mill Stock company at New Decatur and will erect thereon a large bridge manufactory. An ordinance has been passed granting the company exemption from taxation for five years.

Cut to Death.
At Swanson coal mines, Blount county, Adam Jefferson and John Hogan, miners, became involved in a difficulty in which Hogan was cut to death by Jefferson. Jefferson surrendered and claimed that the deed was done in self defense.

Negro Preacher Killed.
While cutting timber in a swamp near Cuba, Joe Govin, a negro preacher, was struck on the head by a falling limb. His skull was crushed, death resulting in about two hours.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

The Marion county grand jury returned twenty-five true bills.

A switch engine ran over Joe Rodgers, a negro, at Blocton, and killed him instantly.

Will Golsen, the slayer of Chief Deputy Sheriff Warnock, was executed in Birmingham Friday.

At the regular monthly meeting of Tusculumbia's City Council an ordinance was passed providing a tax of \$1 on every male and \$2 on every female dog within the city limits.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

Both Branches Will Be Kept Busy With Important Matters.

The first four days of the week will be given up to the currency bill in the senate and after that measure is disposed of there will be a contest for precedence in the interest of several measures. These include the bills for providing for forms of government for Hawaii and Porto Rico, the Nicaragua canal bill, and the resolution upon the appointment of the governor of Pennsylvania. The currency bill will be voted on Thursday.

The time of the house will be completely occupied this week. Monday, under the rules, will be devoted to District of Columbia business. On Tuesday the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which will be reported to the house Monday, will be taken up. It is to consume Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Thursday the house will enter upon a week's discussion of the Porto Rican tariff bill.

SENATORIAL ABERRATION.

Boer Resolution Passed Through Before It Was Noticed.

A resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers in their struggle against Great Britain and urging mediation on the part of the United States between the belligerents was adopted by the senate Saturday in a fit of temporary aberration of attention. The resolution was offered by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, and went through without attracting the slightest comment from any one of the dozen or more senators present.

A minute later, however, at the request of the chair (Mr. Frye), Mr. Allen consented to a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was passed and the incident passed amid much quiet laughter.

HANGING IN TEXAS.

Man Who Had Been Acquitted Taken Out and Lynched.

A special from Port Arthur, Tex., says:
When the 12:30 train arrived here Saturday night a mob of 100 armed men met it, and as Peter Sweeney stepped off he was seized and taken to a telephone pole near by, to which he was shortly afterward strung up. The rope broke and he fell heavily to the ground. It was patched and Sweeney was again swung up; his feet were tied to a post behind him. He met death by strangulation. On February 1 Sweeney, who was a noted character of Port Arthur, stabbed to death Gus Krumbach. He was tried and acquitted at Beaumont Saturday and came back.

NEW PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

President Will Probably Select One Democrat From the South.

Ex-Governor Roger Wolcott, of Massachusetts, has wired the president his inability to accept a position on the new Philippine commission. The three commissioners already selected are Judge Taft, Prof. Worcester and Col. Charles Denby, the last two having served on the old commission. It is altogether probable that the president will select one member from the south, and presumably a democrat.

SPECIAL COACHES FOR NEGROES.

The South Carolina legislature has adopted changes in its "Jim Crow car law," which provides separate coaches for the white and colored races. Instead of having separate compartments in one coach and first and second coaches, with different fares, as at present, the new law provides for one coach for each race, at a uniform rate of fare—3 cents a mile. The law goes into effect in sixty days.

DEMOCRATS MEET IN LOUISVILLE

Session of the Legislature Held in the Court House.

The Kentucky democratic legislature met in Louisville Friday, having present in each house a quorum of the total membership. Governor Beckham made the announcement that he is prepared to protect the legislators from arrest, and that he will do so.

These developments in Louisville mark the first steps towards carrying out the plans announced Sunday last by the democrats to set up a state government in Louisville that have been taken since those plans were developed by the peace agreement.

South Carolina Cotton Mills.

Four new cotton mills were set on foot Saturday in South Carolina. The Cox mill at Anderson, \$50,000; the Anderson mill increase from \$50,000 to \$600,000, and a \$200,000 bleachery at Aiken. A concern capitalized at \$100,000 obtained papers to develop water power on Tugela river, Anderson county, to operate mills.

TAYLOR WILL NOT SIGN

Refuses to Subscribe to the Louisville Agreement.

THE GOVERNOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION

Decides to Allow the Controversy to Take Its Course—Calls a Session of the General Assembly at Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Special).—"I have only this to say: After mature deliberation, and conference with my friends from every section of the state, I have concluded to let this controversy take its due course, vigorously contesting every inch of ground, and upholding the rights of the people to the utmost. If these rights be destroyed, the responsibility must rest with those who sit in judgment. It is due to say that eminent gentlemen at the Louisville conference acted in the most perfect good faith, from the highest motives of patriotism." (Signed.) "W. S. TAYLOR, Governor of Kentucky."

The foregoing proclamation was issued by Governor Taylor Saturday night. The decision not to sign the Louisville agreement was reached by Governor Taylor in the afternoon. For over two hours he had been in conference with fully 150 prominent republicans from all parts of the state, including county committeemen and four republican members of the legislature. The meeting was secret in the extreme.

From the capital Governor Taylor passed to the executive building, where he at once made up and signed the following proclamation reconvening the legislature at Frankfort:

The excitement recently prevailing in this city having to some extent subsided, and there appearing to be no necessity for the general assembly to remain in session in London, I do hereby by this proclamation reconvene the same in Frankfort February 12, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon.

W. S. TAYLOR, Governor of Kentucky.

Troops Leaving Frankfort.

All day long Sunday troops poured out of Frankfort on special trains, and only the soldiers from Covington, Newport, Lexington and Morgantown are camped in the capital square. Only a few companies of infantry will be kept on duty to do police work around the capital square and guard the public building.

THE PLAGUE CONTINUES.

Several American Soldiers Stricken With the Disease.

The plague in Manila continues. Eight cases were reported last week among the natives and Chinese. There is no excitement, however, and business and social life are undisturbed. Small pox is prevalent among the natives along the railroad and in the towns on the northern coast. Two officers of the Thirty-sixth infantry have died of the disease and another officer and several soldiers have been stricken.

FARMER'S WIFE MURDERED.

She Refused to Give a Negro Money—Her Husband Kills Him.

At Cherry Station, Tenn., Jim Gordon, a negro farm hand, enraged because Mrs. George Rollins, a white farmer's wife, refused to give him some money, savagely attacked her with a butcher knife. Her screams were heard by her husband, who shot the negro twice and beat out his brains with the gun butt. Mrs. Rollins died in a few minutes.

Bryan to Tour the South.

Hon. W. J. Bryan is in the south this week. He was in Washington Saturday and saw Senator Martin, of Virginia, and Senator Butler, of North Carolina, concerning his proposed visit to the former state Monday and to the latter Tuesday. After leaving North Carolina, he expects to visit several other of the southern states. He will also visit points in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

Committed Suicide.

C. E. Christenson, a young civil engineer from Spencer, Tenn., killed himself at Pikeville by cutting his throat.

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THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The senate in executive session without a division ratified the Hague Peace Conference treaty and the extradition treaty with the Argentine Republic.

The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee organized for the coming campaign. Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, was elected chairman.

General Charles Heywood, of the Marine Corps, denies that "Bill" Anthony, hero of the Maine, was dismissed from the service on account of falling eyesight. He says every effort was made to have Anthony re-enlist.

The War Department announced that the total number of troops in the Philippines on February 1, as reported by General Otis, was 63,532, including officers and men. There are 240 regular officers and 1334 volunteer officers, 30,826 enlisted regular men and 53,406 volunteer troops.

The Senate Committee reported on a section to be added to the financial bill, whereby it is provided that nothing in the measure shall be construed as an international bimetallic agreement.

The House Committee on Claims favorably reported the Cooper bill for the payment of the Southern cotton claims. The bill involves an expenditure of \$10,000,000.

Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill extending the pension laws to persons who served in the Civil War for only one day.

The Hay-Paunotoffo treaty, amending the Clayton-Bulwer treaty in regard to the Nicaragua Canal, was signed at the State Department.

The mission of Robert P. Porter, Special Cuban Commissioner, who called for Havana, is to consult with Governor General Wood and learn what schedules of the present tariff need revision.

Our Adopted Islands.

For the first time in months Havana is clear of yellow fever. No case has been officially reported in several days.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, is in Havana, telling Cuban workmen of the advantages of organization and pointing out to them the need for labor legislation for the protection of labor, for factory inspection and for the prohibition of child labor.

The plague situation is improved in Honolulu and authorities now have less in control. Honolulu has appropriated \$113,000 for improving the sewers and purifying the water supply.

"I must respectfully but urgently request," writes Captain Edward Leary, Naval Commander of Guam, to the Navy Department, "my request that a good library be sent to this station, and also that the most latest literature be sent to the earliest possible date."

The Puerto Rico Council, recently elected, is composed of ten Republicans and five Democrats.

Governor-General Leary has an artificial leg plant in operation in Guam. It adds much to the comfort and health of the governor.

Conditions in Puerto Rico are very discouraging. Business is very bad and misery among the laboring classes is widespread and intense.

Domestic.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company is to make improvements in its Steelton (Penn.) plant involving millions of dollars.

Judge Fisher in the Criminal Branch of the Circuit Court at St. Louis, in delivering his instructions to the February Grand Jury, called attention to the charges of fraud in municipal affairs and the alleged inefficiency of the police force in suppressing crime.

Nearly \$5000 was added to the Dewey Arch Fund by the concert at Carnegie Hall, New York City, Saturday night. Dewey were present, and Governor Roosevelt delivered an address, in which he urged the necessity of an increased army and navy.

Oneida Eisenhardt, a young man who was on the way to visit his sweetheart, while trying to board a freight train at Bethlehem, Penn., was knocked down by the engine from the opposite direction. He was tossed to and fro like a football between the two trains and every bone in his body broken, being lifeless when picked up.

Members of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, of New York, have a good prospect of recovering damages from the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co. for injuries to a hundred of them received in a wreck near Birmingham, Ala., during the Spanish-American War. In the United States Court an award of \$4500 has been made to one of the injured soldiers.

Major-General Lawton's body lay in state in the Capitol Building in Indianapolis. A seventy-five thousand persons passed the casket.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Rough Riders' Reunion Association it was decided to change the date of the annual reunion at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to July 1 to 4 inclusive. This was done to meet wishes of Governor Roosevelt.

As a result of scandals in the Dispensary State Board of Control of South Carolina in which the members preferred charges against one another, the House of Representatives, by a three-fourths vote, passed that section of the Senate bill removing from office the entire board.

General W. A. Olmstead, a veteran of the Civil War, was ordained a deacon in the Church of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame, Ind. He afterward received holy orders and became a priest of the congregation of the Holy Cross.

Foreign.

Official advices concerning the battle at Ploetz, Colombia, have been received to the effect that General Canina defeated the rebels, who lost about 1,400 wounded and 170 prisoners. Among the latter is General Rodriguez.

The coal famine in Germany, due to the strikes, is assuming a threatening aspect. The state has sent to the Zwickau and Zeitz districts, and the Machen district is affected. The question is now mooted of forbidding coal exports until normal conditions shall have been restored.

Consul Vernon of Manila reports to the State Department at Washington the creation of a paper trust in Bavaria, embodying the entire industry of that country.

A telegram from the frontier announced that a body of Venezuelan troops invaded Brazilian territory. They were met by a detachment of Brazilian troops and, after a lively fight, were forced to beat a retreat across the frontier.

Dr. Leyds has been officially recognized as the representative of the Transvaal Republic by the governments of France, Germany and Russia.

Baron Gotschall, Austrian Minister, may be recalled because of unpleasant incidents resulting from the food with the Mexican Ambassador.

France and England are at the threshold of a serious disagreement.

The United States gunboat Machias arrived at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, to guard American interests in the event of another rebellion breaking out. General Hernandez is reported to be organizing his forces for another effort to seize the presidency.

Lord Methuen has disbanded Remington's Scouts, because he ascertained that some members of the corps had been communicating with the Boers.

The mortality in Bombay, India, a few days ago was unprecedented. There was a total of 403 deaths. The situation is aggravated by the advent of famine refugees.

BULLER AGAIN ADVANCES

His Army Succeeds in Recrossing the Tugela River.

Attacks Boers at Two Points, Being Checked at One Place, But Taking a Hill at the Other.

LONDON (By Cable).—General Buller recrossed the Tugela River on Monday morning and assaulted the Boer positions on the north side. The British carried several positions, and at last accounts were still holding them.

A dispatch to the Standard from Spearman's Camp says:

"The force under General Buller is again advancing to the relief of Ladysmith, and after two days of severe fighting, it may fairly be said to have made a good first step on the road to the beleaguered city."

"The movement was begun at an early hour on Monday morning by way of Potgieter's Drift. The Eleventh Brigade, forming a part of the Fifth Division under General Warren, made a feint attack upon the Boers immediately on our front. The assault was delivered at the outset under cover of naval guns from Mount Alice, and subsequently under that of field batteries.

"The infantry advanced steadily toward the Boer entrenched position at Brakenstein, and kept the enemy busily employed. While this diversion was being made the remainder of the infantry took off for the attack, who had been lying in wait on the foot of Zwart's Kop in the direction of our right."

"A ponton bridge was thrown across the Tugela by the engineers under the fire of the enemy. The first battalion to move across in the forenoon was the Durham Light Infantry, General Lytton's brigade. They advanced against Van Krantz, who lies on the most direct road to Ladysmith, and after two or three splendid work they got within charging distance of the Boers."

"The first of the Boers was carried by them to the north and then to the south, and the Durham Light Infantry took the utmost gallantry. Almost simultaneously the First Battalion Rifle Brigade cleared the second kopje, and, after moving across the long narrow ridge, they were engaged."

"The final attack at Potgieter's Drift, having served its purpose in preventing the concentration of the enemy at the critical point, the Eleventh Brigade fell back to the river."

"In the course of the operation both the infantry and the artillery had been subjected to a severe shelling."

"Yesterday (Tuesday) at 4 in the afternoon, the enemy, encouraged doubtless by their success at Potgieter's Drift, endeavored to recapture the position taken by us at Van Krantz. They were beaten back, however, with loss."

"The shell and mortar fire poured in by the Boers has been extremely severe, but our losses are, comparatively speaking, small. The Durham Light Infantry took four prisoners in the course of their charge. "The enemy, as usual, fought with the utmost stubbornness. The British maneuvering and the accuracy of aim on the part of the British artillery during the fighting on Monday were beyond praise. There is not the slightest likelihood that the Boers will succeed in displacing us from the positions we have gained, and the prospects of the relief of Ladysmith are decidedly hopeful."

BOER STORY OF THE FIGHTING.

It Claims That the British Were Beaten Back in Great Confusion.

BOER HEAD LAGERS, Ladysmith, via Lorenzo Marques (By Cable).—Since Monday the Boers have been in a position to bombard our positions on the Upper Tugela. The troops crossed the river at the Pot and at Molen Drift with the object of storming our position. At the former point General Burger beat them back, and they recrossed in great confusion.

The fighting continues at Molen Drift with the Standard and Johannsburg commands. There were no casualties on our side. The cannons were the fiercest yet experienced. There was a continuous roaring all day long. Tuesday morning it commenced with an increased number of guns.

Further reports of Monday's fighting at the Upper Tugela River show that the British lost heavily at Pot Drift, but took an important position on a small kopje on the Pot Drift side. Four Boers were killed. The British loss is unknown. They are still in possession of the kopje and the big guns have ceased firing.

TO BUY THE ERIC CANAL.

Bill Introduced at Washington For Its Purchase For Warships.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Representative McClintock introduced in the House bill to authorize the Secretary of War to treat with the State of New York for the purchase of the Erie Canal, and appropriating \$10,000,000 therefor. The bill authorizes the Secretary of War to enlarge the canal sufficiently to permit of the use by United States war vessels of a displacement of 15,000 tons.

The Secretary is also authorized to contract for materials and work necessary for the enlargement of such canal, to be paid for as appropriated from time to time, not to exceed in the aggregate \$75,000,000, provided that the bill shall be paid out of fees collected from vessels using the canal after the Government has purchased it, and provided that compensation so paid the State shall never in any one year exceed twenty-five per cent of the amount of such fees received during that period. The bill went to committee on railways and canals.

A LIVE MAN DEAD LEGALLY.

Georgia Court Decides That One Indifferent to His Rights Dies Presumptively.

ATLANTA, Ga. (Special).—Judge J. H. Lumpkin, of the Atlanta Circuit, has decided that a claimant for an estate who is alive and was present in the court is dead legally. The judge said:

"Plaintiff testified that he had been living in Texas and did not know until 1896 of his father's death or the division of the estate, but where one leaves a State and makes off all connections with relatives and relatives he becomes, presumptively at least, dead to the world. I scarcely think the statute of relations will stop and wait on him any longer. The village of Falling Water awaited the awakening of Rip Van Winkle or the wife of Knoc Ardon awaited his return. Besides his estate in 1896 and knew the facts or could have known them fully but did not sue till 1903."

Tell Dead in the Dentist's Chair.

Ernest L. Partridge, of Charlton, Mass., fell dead a few days ago from a dentist's chair. His told Dr. Hittcock he wanted three teeth pulled. The operation was to be extensive, he was placed partially under the influence of ether. As the sawtooth was extracted he fell back dead.

Military Strength of the Republic.

According to a communication sent to Congress by Secretary Root on the militia force of the United States, the total number of men available for military duty, but not organized, is 19,413,159, with an aggregate organized strength of 106,333.

MURDERED BY INDIANS.

Scotch-Indian Family, Accused of Witchcraft, Put to Death.

SHOT DOWN IN NIGHT ATTACK.

Members of the McAvish Family Shot as They Escaped From Their Burning House—Only One Person Escaped—Family Supposed to Have Caused an Outbreak of Scoury.

VICTORIA, B. C. (Special).—Word has been received by the Department of Indian Affairs and by the police authorities of fresh trouble, which is very serious in its character, among the Indians of Upper Lland, probably two-thirds of whom are still residing in the throes of civilization. Naturally the progressive one-third of the native population are subjected to considerable persecution, and it is said in advance just received, brought by way of Dense Lake, by special messenger to Indian Agent Tait, that this has culminated in the murder of seven members of a Scotch Indian half-breed family of the name of McAvish.

The story as related by the special messenger and mail bearer E. J. Pope, who is now in Victoria, indicates that the original murder may have been followed by the killing of Stewart, an Indian policeman, and two companions dispatched from Lake Town to arrest the murderers.

After the McAvish family adopted many of the customs and beliefs of the whites, the majority of their neighbors became tense. With the coming of an epidemic of scurvy last fall, the Indians were ripe for serious mischief. Two old women, prompted suddenly by the Cree Indians, molesters of the tribe, seized the opportunity to start the cry that the stockmen and death had been brought about by witchcraft, a term that never fails to cross the terror of Indians of the northern wilds.

A council was held, the fact being kept secret from the McAvishes, and it was agreed that there had been no scurvy before while men came to the camp. The fact was emphasized that the McAvishes followed the white man's ways, and that upon they were convicted and a night attack on them was planned for their destruction. Settling fire to the McAvish dwelling, the three whites, and thereupon they were convicted and a night attack on them was planned for their destruction.

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State Senator—G. B. Deans.
Representative—W. H. Sturdivant.

Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge—John Pelham.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Coleman.
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—J. J. Walthall.
Terms of Court—Eighth Monday after the fourth Monday in January and July, continuing three weeks.

Chancery Court.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.
Register in Chancery—J. R. White.
Terms of Court—First Thursdays after second Mondays in March and September.

County Court.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.
Terms of Court—Fourth Mondays in February, May, August and November.

Probate Court—Second Monday in each month.

County Officers.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.
Clerk—John P. Pearson.
Sheriff—J. J. Walthall.
Treasurer—W. A. Tallant.
Supt. of Education—E. Williams.
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.
County Surveyors—Walter Bell and A. P. Dahl.

Commissioners Court.

First District—John E. Dykes.
Fourth District—John F. Glaze.
Second District—Pleasant Shaw.
Third District—R. J. Griffin.
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, July and October. Special terms—Second Mondays in May and July, and first Monday in June.

Justice of the Peace.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Columbiana; terms of court every Thursday.
Beat 2—W. E. Seale, Shelby; terms of court every Wednesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

I hereby announce myself for the Legislature, subject to the action of the Executive Committee of the Republican and Populist parties.

W. H. STURDIVANT.

FOR SHERIFF.

The Advocate is authorized to announce Henry W. Parker as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce James S. Vest as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby county, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28th.

R. F. COX.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce W. A. Tallant as a candidate for county Treasurer, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce L. J. Carden for Treasurer of Shelby county, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

I am a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for Shelby county, subject to the action of the Populist primary election to be held on the 28th day of April, 1900.

JNO. S. PITTS.

We are authorized to announce M. S. Wilson as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Shelby county, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

The Advocate is authorized to announce J. M. Crenshaw for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

We are authorized to announce L. R. Kendrick for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The Advocate is authorized to announce H. L. D. Phillips for Commissioner from the First District, subject to the action of the People's Party primary to be held April 28, 1900.

The "Plain Dealer" seems to be hitting the Morgan managers some pretty heavy blows.

It was all right to buy votes in Crenshaw and Clarke, but down in Russell it is altogether wrong.

The Boers in South Africa are making it hot for our British cousins, they are fighting for their homes, and we hope they will be successful.

The Mayor of Birmingham is about to inaugurate a new era in that city, he is in favor of the city owning its water works and electric lights. This is Populist doctrine pure and simple and is just what Birmingham and all other progressive cities must have.

Today Roosevelt may find that his apparent triumph over Boss Platt was very dearly bought.

According to Col. Waterson, a Kentucky railroad is responsible for the trouble in the state.

Federal administration has troubles enough of its own without shouldering those of Taylor, in Kentucky.

The populists are in favor of expansion, but they want it to be the money that is expanded and not the territory.

A reign of terror is predicted for Cape Nome gold fields, owing to the large number of men who are preparing to go there in the spring.

The goldbugs are very much troubled about Hon. W. J. Bryan, but they had as well pull in their horns for he will be nominated in spite of their efforts.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio, upholding the anti-trust laws, shows that it is easy enough to curb the trusts if the law makers wish to do so.

Mr. Henry C. Payne "mention" a new name for the Vice Presidential nomination about once a week, but up to this time no one has reciprocated by giving him a "mention."

The Populist are going to be a big factor in the Presidential election this year. Bryan cannot be elected without their help and he can't get their support without big concessions being made to them.

Mr. Russell Alger—a somewhat familiar name—has had the nerve to publicly criticize Col. Bryan for expressing sympathy for the Boers. It would seem to be up to Alger to keep his mouth shut for all time.

Expenditures for pensions by the United States are nearly three times as much as is paid for the same purpose by England, France and Germany combined; yet the United States has not been considered a military country.

Interest in the South African war hasn't brought about anything approaching a correct pronunciation of the names over there. It is a go-as-you-please race, with every man his own authority, and about all of them wrong.

According to the official report of Maj. C. G. Starr, Inspector General, our soldiers in the Philippines have poor and sufficient rations, clothing and shoes. It seems that there is still some Algerism and Eganism in the war department.

Public manifestation of sympathy for the Boers and opposition to the attitude of the administration is said to be causing Mr. McKinley and Boss Hanna to worry a great deal. The same thing is likely to increase their worry in the near future.

In the last four years the United States has sent abroad 1 1/2 billion (one thousand and seven hundred and fifty million) dollars' worth of goods in excess of the value of goods it has received from abroad.

During the same time, it has received from abroad 135 million dollars net in gold, leaving one thousand and six hundred and sixteen million dollars worth of goods exported for which we have received neither goods nor gold. What have we received for this big balance that seems to still be due? Mostly little pieces of paper called coupons—interest receipts. Now, we tell you what let's do. Let us make our own money, make out of good silk fiber paper, the kind that we got along with for sixteen years without the use any metal money; this will permit us to use the metal money we have toward paying every dollar of debt held in Europe against our own people. Let us use all the gold and silver that is produced in this country toward paying off these foreign debts. It isn't common sense for us to send enough goods to load a train of cars as long as the distance from New York to San Francisco, and get nothing back but a bundle of paper about the size of a cotton bale, but that's just what we have been doing for the last four years. In making this statement we make due allowance for ocean freight paid to foreign ship owners; also for amounts spent by American visitors to Europe; also for dishonesty of importers and custom officers in placing a lower than actual value on imports.—Missouri World.

The Real Issue.

The constitutional convention which Governor Johnston killed would have been filled with goldbugs who had already been nominated as delegates, and these same goldbug convention delegates are bobbing up all over Alabama now as Morgan candidates for the legislature. Their real purpose is to ride into the legislature on a Morgan wave and then force a constitutional convention on the state. You, poor and uneducated yet intelligent voters, watch out, or you will lose your right to vote.—Florence Democrat.

England never gives anything for nothing. Therefore its just as well to wait and see what is demanded in return for her agreeing to a modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty that will allow the United States to construct and control the Nicaragua canal, before doing any shouting.

The Morgan and Johnston forces are organizing in Jefferson for a great struggle to carry that county, and doubtless money will flow like water. It is said that the Clarke campaign committee a few years ago spent forty thousand dollars to carry that county. We say let the fight go on, our folks can stand off and watch the battle. "Lay on McDuff and D—d be he who cries hold, enough."

Harpersville Locals.

We have quite a lot of sickness in our village.

Miss Johnnie Bradley has been dangerously ill for the past week. We are glad to know that she is now considered out of danger, and a speedy recovery is the wish of her friends.

Our genial merchant, M. W. Borum was taken Friday night with cholera morbus, but is all right now.

Miss Hannah Caldwell is visiting friends and relatives at Alpine.

Mrs. S. K. Cross was called to the bedside of her sick niece at Creswell last week.

Mr. Willie Thompson sold his crop of cotton last Friday at 8c. per pound.

Our friend, J. A. Cowart lost his mule, with blind staggers. This is the second one in the past 60 days.

Our hustling merchant, R. W. Borum, sold and delivered one car load of guano at Creswell and Vincent on the 9th. He handles the Tallapoosa soluble guano.

A. J. Warlick was at his post at the mill Friday and Saturday making meal for the people.

Honorable Justice Court of Beat No. 10 was in session Saturday the 10th. The cases were dispatched with the usual rapidity by Justice Russell.

J. W. Martin has finished road working from Harpersville to Vincent, he had the road in feshape, but the recent rains will mak it bad.

Rev. Mr. Clifton preached at Wheeler's Chapel last Sunday.

Miss Sadie Vincent and Mrs. J. S. Pitts were the guests of Mrs. J. F. McGraw one evening last week.

Eddie Bradley has been by his sister's bedside last week. He returned to his home the 11th.

Mr. Porter Bradley visited home folks on the 11th. Amos Daniel came with him from Wilsonville.

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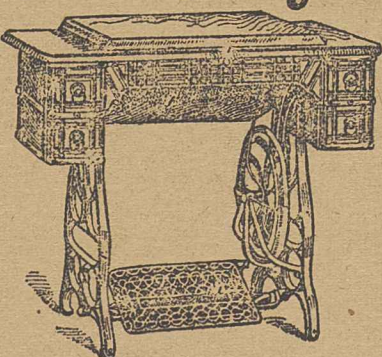
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Longview Snaps.

George killed another bird.

J. B. Adams went to Calera Thursday on business.

Little Joe went to Calera Wednesday to get some shoe strings.

Mr. J. O. Royal and W. S. Wilson went to Dogwood Thursday to look out for a job.

J. B. Adams returned to his home in Birmingham Friday.

Hon. J. P. Hawkins carried his blood hounds to Clanton Thursday to catch an escaped prisoner.

Phillip Erick, of Columbiana, spent Sunday night here with his friend.

Prof. Geo. L. Scott filled his regular appointment here Sunday night, but he had a tough time getting through the mud.

A. Leonard has moved near Ganadique, with the anticipation of taking the postoffice there.

Rev. H. C. Hale and little Joe went out to church at Camp Branch Sunday, but don't think they found them any girl.

Little Joe is looking very bad since his girl has left him, we hope she will return soon.

Our editor was seen on the north bound passenger Monday the 12th, guess he has a girl in Birmingham.

It is reported that Jack Jennings killed a goat in the school house at Camp Branch and tried to hide it under the door steps. How about it Jack? NELLIE.

Bethel News.

Mrs. J. E. Lyon is on the sick list this week.

Rev. Geo. Lomeny filled his regular appointment at Bethel Sunday.

Prof. John Mooney spent Sunday with homefolks.

We wonder where Jasies and Chester went Sunday evening.

Amos Acker and wife returned home from Yellow Leaf Sunday, where they have been staying for awhile.

W. J. Miner spent Sunday with his grandfather.

Ed. Carden was the guest of Miss Josie Acker Sunday evening.

James Sammons spent Sunday night with B. West.

The Sunday school at Bethel was quite a success.

H. T. Taylor, of near Wilsonville, was here Saturday.

We wonder where E. B. L. went Sunday? We wish him much pleasure.

Mr. W. T. Taylor went to Columbiana to get him some syrup. We guess he will be sweet now.

We are sorry to say that Chester did not get to Fourmile Sunday.

Dr. John Williams was in our neighborhood one day last week. Come again Doctor, we are always glad to see you. SUNBEAM.

No woman ever yet refused to marry a man unless he let her.

Mardi Gras Celebration, Mobile, Ala., Feb. 26-27th—Reduced Rate via Southern Ry. and Ala. Great So. R. R.

On account of Mardi Gras celebration at Mobile, Ala., Feb. 26-27, 1900, the Southern Railway and Alabama Great Southern Railroad will sell tickets from points on their lines to Mobile and return at rate of one fare for round trip. Tickets will be sold Feb. 20th to Feb. 26th inclusive, with final limit to return March 15th, 1900. On account of the conveniently arranged schedule and excellent service afforded passengers enroute to Mobile via these lines, they should see that their tickets read accordingly. For further information call on Southern Railway or Alabama Great Southern Railroad ticket agents.

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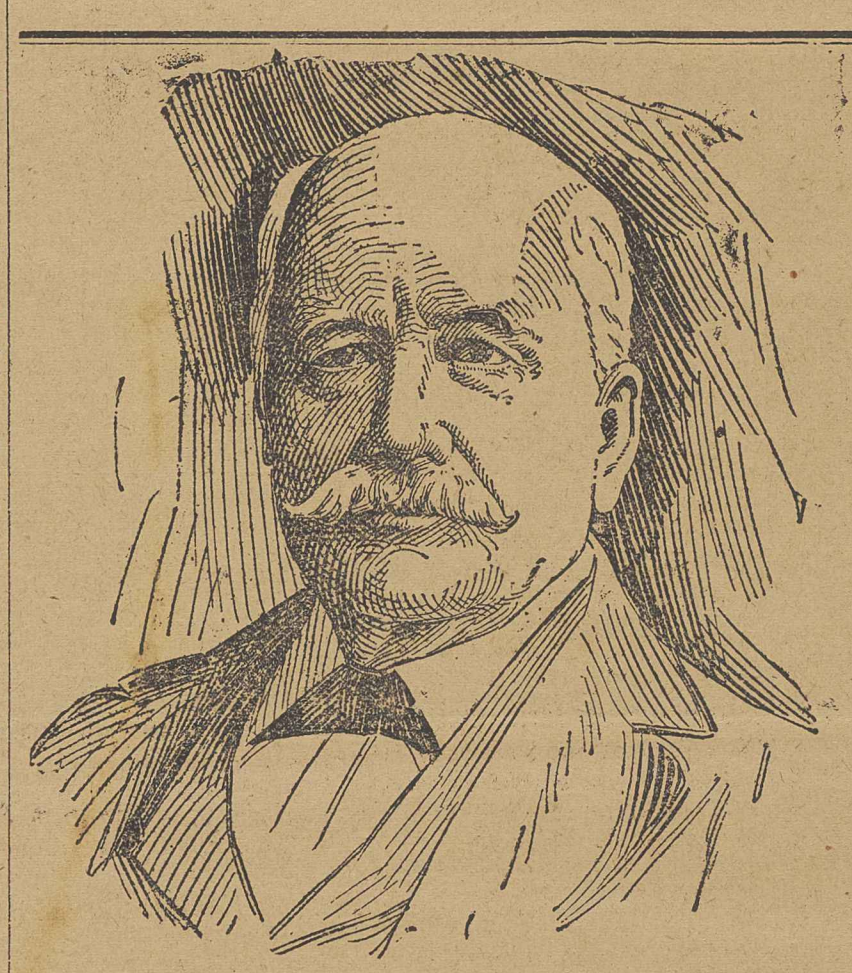
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Yours truly,
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AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS.
Bulletin No. 12, issued by the Alabama Department of Agriculture, shows the actual commercial value of the ALABAMA FERTILIZERS to be 19.83 per cent more valuable than all the complete fertilizers or guanos offered for sale in the State of Alabama for the season covered by said bulletin.

Bulletin No. 14, just issued by the Department of Agriculture, shows the actual analysis, from samples sent to the Department by dealers and consumers throughout the State, that the ALABAMA FERTILIZER is actually \$3.64 per ton or 24 per cent better than the guaranteed analysis by the ALABAMA FERTILIZER CO., and this answers the question so often asked, "why the ALABAMA FERTILIZER produces so much better crops than other fertilizers of equal guaranteed analysis?" The ALABAMA FERTILIZER will be shipped in the MUMMIA VEGETABLE FIBRE PRESERVED BAGS. There is no other preserved bag on the market of any value. The Commissioner of Agriculture recommends and endorses it in the following words:

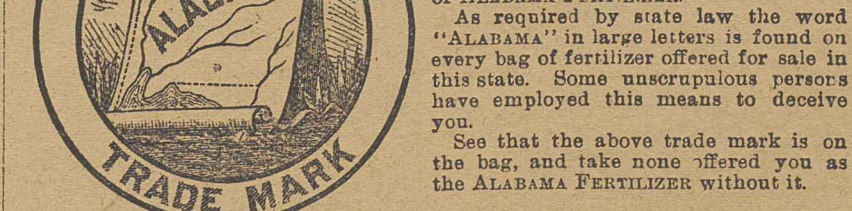
"I therefore unhesitatingly say that I believe the bags treated by the MUMMIA VEGETABLE FIBRE PRESERVING PROCESS will resist the action of the weather and the chemicals contained in fertilizers; that the meshes of the bags are so filled by the process as to prevent all wastage, and that if generally used by manufacturers, would be of inestimable value to carriers, dealers and consumers."
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SUMMARY OF STATE NEWS

Current Topics Gathered From all Parts of Alabama.

DISPENSARY A LIVE ISSUE IN JEFFERSON

Woman Accidentally Killed in Jackson County—Conductor Graham Drops Dead—Verdict for \$25,000—Other State News.

Captain Graham Dies Suddenly.
Captain J. P. Graham, conductor on the Southern railway, between Florence and Tusculum, dropped dead in a barn at his home in Florence.

Henry County for Vaughan.
The Henry county Republican convention has instructed its delegation to the State Republican convention for Wm. H. Vaughan for chairman of the state executive committee.

Verdict for \$25,000.
The fifth trial of the celebrated case of Danforth and Armstrong vs. The Tennessee and Coosa Railway was concluded in the circuit court at Gadsden Friday, the jury rendering a verdict for \$25,000.

The Ensley Southern.
All of the \$200,000 stock in the Ensley Southern railroad, which will be constructed between Parrish, Walker county, and Ensley, Jefferson county, about thirty miles in length, has been subscribed and the perfecting of the organization will occur within another week.

Woman Accidentally Killed.
A sad accident occurred on Low Johnson's farm, near Hollywood, a few days ago, a young lady being shot and killed. The young lady was a daughter of Mr. Reuben Carter, a farmer of Jackson county. She went to pay a call to the family of Mr. Crawford. Mr. Crawford's little boy went to get a gun to show her, when it was accidentally discharged, the load entering her face. She lingered in great agony until next day, when death relieved her of her suffering.

Accident Caused Dr. Green's Death.
Correct information as to the death of Dr. D. C. Green, who was reported to have committed suicide at his home near Florence, shows that his death was the result of an accident. The doctor had gone to the roof of his kitchen to repair some loose shingles, and in coming down his foot slipped and he fell off the ladder, striking on a brick on the ground. He was assisted into the house and died within a few minutes.

Dispensary a Live Issue.
The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association, Birmingham, and it means that the dispensary question will be made a very live issue during the forthcoming campaign:

"Whereas, Under the existing plan for holding the primary election by the democratic party in Jefferson county on April 14 next, the voters are not permitted to vote direct for candidates for the house of representatives and senate of Alabama; and

"Whereas, This plan is very unsatisfactory to a large number of voters; and

"Whereas, The democratic executive committee of Jefferson county is called to meet February 21; therefore

"Be It Resolved, That the friends of the dispensary system respectfully but earnestly request the said committee to so change the plan under which the primary will be held, as to permit a direct vote on all candidates for the general assembly of Alabama.

Robbins-Aldrich Contest.
The committee on elections of the house has submitted a report on the election contest case of Robert F. Aldrich vs. Gaston F. Robbins, from the Fourth congressional district of Alabama. The report recommends the seating of Aldrich, the republican. The majority report is signed by the six republicans of the committee, while the minority report is favored by the three democrats. This is the third time Aldrich has contested, and every time he alleged fraud in Dallas county. No date has been fixed for argument of the case.

New Mining Company.
The Tredegar Brown Ore and Mining company was organized at Anniston with \$10,000 capital. J. W. Comer, of Savannah, is president and treasurer, and R. H. Cobb, of Anniston, vice president and general manager. The company has purchased extensive iron ore properties near Jacksonville.

BACK TAXES ON SCHOOL LANDS.

Property of the University in Jefferson Held Liable.

Tax Commissioner R. P. Wetmore has instituted proceedings to collect taxes on the university lands in Jefferson county for the last five years, which, it sustained by law, will amount to almost \$10,000. In accordance with the act creating his office, he has notified J. B. Francis, tax collector of the county, to collect from the board of trustees of the University of Alabama taxes on 13,560 acres of land, valued at \$12.50 per acre for the years 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898 and 1899.

Notice was served on Robinson Brown, secretary, and James E. Webb, chairman of the executive board of trustees, and on Governor Johnston, who accepted service as ex-officio chairman of the board, who waived copy.

It has been understood that all property belonging to the university was exempt from taxation, the university being a state institution, and under the control of the governor and a board appointed by him. Mr. Wetmore, however, takes a different view of the matter, and has undertaken to collect back taxes for the past five years.

Many Aspirants For Wheeler's Seat.
In the event General Wheeler does not become a candidate again for congress, there will be a lively time in the Eighth district. Madison county will support the candidacy of Judge William Richardson. Jackson county will present the name of Hon. Jesse E. Brown. Morgan will present the name of Hon. Samuel Blackwell. Colbert, the name of Hon. W. H. Sawtelle, and Lauderdale the name of Paul Hodges, to the congressional convention, which will meet in Decatur.

Walker County's Primary.
News from Jasper Sunday was to the effect that all but five small beats have been heard from. It is a certainty that Tom Long is the nominee for representative, and it is estimated that his majority will exceed 500 votes. The senatorial campaign was not a leading issue in the primary, but it was understood that both the leading candidates for representative were Morgan men.

In the race for sheriff Gurtey received 1,456 votes; Higgins, 721; Moore, 1,217.

Dale County Carried by Oates.
On account of the extremely cold weather, a light vote was polled in Saturday's democratic primary in Dale county. A vote for senator and Garner for representative, both pronounced Oates men, were nominated by large majorities, the exact figures not yet being available. This insures General Oates three votes in the democratic legislative caucus for United States senator, his other vote being from Coffee county.

Settlement is Expected.
It is learned on high authority that the litigation over the ownership of the East and West railroad is rapidly shaping itself so that a settlement will soon be accomplished whereby the Kelly heirs will soon receive an undisputed title to the property. With this end in view it is said that the Kellys are now figuring on extending the line from Pell City to Birmingham, a distance of about thirty-five miles, so as to give it an outlet.

Chilton Populists to Hold Primary.
The populists held a meeting at Clanton and decided to have a primary election on March 15, with the final count March 17, to select county officers.

BRIEFLY MENTIONED.
James D. Snodgrass has been installed as mayor of Scottsboro.
At a meeting of Anniston citizens interested in the proposed new cotton mill it was shown that half of the \$100,000 necessary to build a mill has been raised.
It is stated that the Tennessee Coal, Iron and railroad company has purchased the Bessemer rolling mill and will at an early date operate the plant. The fact leaked out at the meeting of the Bessemer Land and Improvement company.

At a citizens' meeting at Eutaw Wednesday a committee was named to solicit subscriptions for a cotton mill.
It is now definitely known that Judge John Bruce will preside over the forthcoming term of the United States court, which begins in Birmingham March 5. Judge Bruce is reported as very much improved in health. Active preparations are being made for the coming court.

RICH GOLD FIELD.

Much Excitement Over Recently Discovered Texas Mine.

The San Antonio Daily Express has received from its special correspondent at Marathon, Tex., the following: "Have just arrived from the new Cinnabar district in Brewster county, where discoveries of gold of wonderful richness have been made, and great excitement prevails. Over 800 claims have been located. I met a number of eminent mining engineers on the ground, including Puffer of Boston, and Jenny of Washington. The district is said to rival in richness and extent the New Almaden finds of California."

PLAGUE AT MANILA.

Thirty-Two Deaths Have Resulted, Half of Victims Being Chinese.

Out of a total of fifty-one cases of suspected bubonic plague in Manila, thirty-two proved genuine and thirty-two deaths resulted, half of them being Chinamen. There were twelve cases during the past week, mostly within the walled city, and a hundred inspectors under the superintendence of a health officer, Major Edie, are enforcing the sanitary regulations. Thirty of the inspectors are Chinamen, who have been furnished by the Chinese merchants.

The health department census shows the population of Manila is about 190,000, including 81,000 Chinese.

STEAMBOAT SINKS.

Two Negro Deck Hands Drowned—Much Cotton Lost.

The steamer New Mattie, of Memphis, sprung a leak and sank in Wild Goose Bayou, near the mouth of White river, Saturday night. Two negro deck hands were drowned. The general merchandise portion of the cargo is a total loss, while 350 bales of cotton consigned to Memphis will probably be saved. No estimate of the property loss is given. The New Mattie has broken in two and will not be raised.

TO MEET AT FRANKFORT.

Democratic Legislators Formally Decide to Do So.

The democratic legislators got together a quorum in each house Saturday and adopted a concurrent resolution adjourning the general assembly to meet at Frankfort Monday, Governor Beckham will remain in Louisville until the case by which it is hoped to settle the title to the office of governor is decided by the court of appeals.

Harrell Not Indicted.

The grand jury at Louisville, Ky., Saturday refused to indict State Senator S. B. Harrell, on John H. Whallen's charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. This prosecution followed Senator Harrell's statement before the democratic caucus that Whallen had attempted to bribe him to keep him away from the caucus and had paid him \$4,500 for this purpose.

Will Reduce Force in Cuba.

Secretary Root has determined to continue the policy begun by General Leonard Wood of reducing the force of United States troops in Cuba, and during the coming spring there will be a heavy reduction of the forces unless there should be some change in present conditions.

Clarksdale, Miss., Has Big Fire.

A fire which started in the rear of Baoot & Co.'s general store, at Clarksdale, Miss., destroyed seven brick stores in the business portion of the place, entailing a loss of about \$57,000.

Two Men Killed in an Explosion.

Two men were instantly killed and three frightfully injured by the explosion of a locomotive boiler in the Santa Fe round house at Topeka, Kan. The dead are: John Heustis, boiler maker; Felse Linde, fireman. The explosion was caused by compressed air which was to be used as motive power.

Appropriation Bill Passed.

Late Saturday afternoon the house passed the legislative and judicial appropriation bill, after having it under consideration four days.

Great Family Raiser.

Jesse Edwards, aged 85 years, a veteran of the Seminole war, whose home is at New Market, is the father of twenty-one living children, and his son, Kenny Edwards, has at his writing sixteen children, and is in splendid health. Jesse Edwards is 85 years old, and there is not a decayed tooth in his head.

CURRENCY BILL PASSED.

The Senate Acts on the Substitute For the House Currency Bill.

The senate substitute for the house currency bill was passed by the senate by the decisive majority of 46 to 29. Prior to the final passage of the bill amendments were considered under the ten minute rule. Only two of these amendments were adopted, viz: One offered by the finance committee keeping the door open to international bimetalism, and one by Mr. Nelson, of Minnesota, providing for national banks with \$25,000 capital in towns over 4,000 in population.

The bill passed consists of ten sections. It provides that the dollars of 25 8-10 grains of gold, 9-10 fine, shall be the standard of value, and that all forms of United States money shall be maintained at a parity with it; and that treasury notes and greenbacks shall be redeemable in gold.

The secretary of the treasury is to set apart a fund of \$150,000,000 in gold for the redemption of these notes and to maintain this fund at a figure not under \$100,000,000, he is empowered to sell bonds of the United States, bearing interest at not exceeding 3 per cent.

Favorable Report on Nicaragua Bill.

Chairman Hepburn, of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, Saturday submitted the report of the committee in favor of the Hepburn bill for constructing the Nicaragua canal.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Woman Shoots a State Senator at Raymond, Miss.

State Senator R. L. Bradley was shot and slightly wounded at Raymond, Miss., by Mrs. Ida Bolls, who alleges that Bradley had failed to keep faith in a promise to marry. Senator Bradley was seated at dinner in the hotel, when the woman entered the dining room and fired at his head, the bullet entering the back of the neck and inflicting a painful, though not fatal, flesh wound. Mrs. Bolls then attempted to commit suicide by stabbing herself, but was prevented.

DARNING NEEDLE KILLED HER.

A Woman Found Murdered in Bed With Her Husband.

Mrs. Wm. J. Garland, wife of a saloon proprietor in Phoebus, Va., was found murdered in her bed by her husband, who lay beside her. An autopsy developed the fact that she had been stabbed just below the left breast with a darning needle, and so scientifically was it done that it struck the heart in the center, causing instant death. The husband reported the murder and he was arrested, charged with the crime.

BRITISH ENTER KIMBERLY.

Two Thousand Break Through—The Federals Captured Much Booty.

A cable dispatch from Pretoria says: It appears from further reports of Saturday's fighting at Jacobsdal that 2,000 British troops got through the federal position at Modder river and entered Kimberly.

The federals intercepted the rear guard of the British and captured great booty, many oxen and a number of prisoners.

Head Blown Off.

Pete Hickey, who shot and killed Maggie Jones and seriously wounded Tom Billingsley, at the home of Lizzy Kirklin, near Paint Rock, Tenn., was found dead in the woods near the scene of the tragedy. Hickey had the top of his head blown off. It is said to have been done with a shot gun at close range and the general opinion is that he committed suicide.

A Double Tragedy.

In a row at McMinnville, Tenn., W. C. Watts, local storekeeper and gauger, and Mr. Higgins, a revenue man, got into a row and both got their throats cut. Buck Locke is supposed to have done the work. Locke escaped, but is being hunted by about fifteen revenue men.

Piping for Honolulu.

The Central Foundry Company of Anniston received an order Saturday from Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, for a large quantity of sanitary iron piping to be shipped as early as possible.

Maya Indians Driven Back.

A special from Oaxaca, Mex., says General Bravos' force of government troops has driven back the Maya Indians and taken possession of several important towns that were occupied by the rebels during the week. The country occupied by the Maya Indians is little known to the outside world. Its natural riches are great.

MACRUM TELLS HIS STORY

A Statement of His Reasons For Leaving Pretoria.

MAIL OPENED BY BRITISH CENSOR

He Sympathized With the Boers, He Says, and He Couldn't Sacrifice His Self-Respect by Serving as British Consul—Charges That the Former Consul Makes Against British Authorities.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Charles E. Macrum, who abandoned the American Consulate at Pretoria under singular circumstances, left for East Liverpool, O., after giving out for publication a signed statement in which he explains his course. The statement is, in part, as follows:

"The situation in Pretoria was such that first, as an official, I could not remain there while my Government at home was apparently in the dark as to the exact conditions in South Africa. Secondly, as a man, I could not remain in Pretoria, sacrificing my own self-respect and that of the people of Pretoria, while the Government at home continued to ignore the position of a British Consul and not an American Consul.

"I want to say right here that there was not one single request made of me through the Department of State looking to the cure of British interests in Pretoria which I did not fulfill and report upon according to my orders. On the other hand, American interests in South Africa were in that condition which demanded that the Department of State should be cognizant of them.

"I issued the statement received from the State Department that Americans must remain silent in the face of this. Americans were continually going to the front and taking up arms in the cause of the Boers. I also know that many of them, in utter despair at the apparent attitude of our own Government, were taking the oath of allegiance to the Transvaal Republic. When affairs had reached that state that my Vice Consul, Mr. Van Ameringen, closed up his business, took the oath of allegiance to the republic, and went to the front as a burgher, I thought the time had come when I should make a report of these conditions.

"The mail for the Transvaal had been all stopped at Cape Town by order of the High Commissioner. This mail was finally forwarded to me, after Colonel Stowe, the Consul General at Cape Town, had secured his release. I had the humiliation, as the representative of the American Government of sitting in my office in Pretoria and looking upon envelopes bearing the official seal of the American Government, and officially sealed with a sticker notifying me that the contents had been read by the censor at Durban.

"I wish to state here that when I had been going on before the war and after it opened were of such a serious nature and would require such detailed explanation that on the department of embassies it, in code, stating that I wished leave of absence to visit the States. I received from the department a reply advising me that my presence at Pretoria was important to public interests.

"On the 8th I telegraphed again, advising the department that the situation was not critical and that my presence in America was important. No reply was received. I wired again on the 11th. No reply was received to this. On the 14th I again wired the department. On the 18th I again wired a cable. To this I received a reply immediately, which was a reiteration of the reply to my first cable.

"December 4 I received this reply from the department to my cablegram of the 14th.

"You may come home. Put Attorney temporarily in charge. Department will send man from here."

"I left Pretoria the night of December 16, and arrived in Washington February 5. 'On my way to Washington, believing that I was still the Consul in Pretoria, I refused to make any statement that would involve the department or embarrass it. My one object was to lay information before the department as to the true state of affairs in South Africa. If the department thought these facts were of a value sufficient to warrant the expenses of the trip I had taken I expected to be remunerated and return to America."

"Instead of this I find Secretary Hay saw fit not to wait until I could present my reasons in person and has been a silent or non-committal attitude to the reports of my official acts. I come home to find an attempt has been made to tear down my reputation."

"I wish to state right here that when I accepted my post as Consul I knew nothing of any secret alliance between America and Great Britain, and that I had seen nothing in the regulations which made the Consul of the American Republic subject to the whims and caprice of an English military censor at Durban. I came to America with a motive of which I am not ashamed."

SHREWD COUNTRY POSTMASTERS.

How They Increase the Showing of Business Done by Them.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Thrifty country postmasters will be surprised when they learn of the check which the post authorities have designed to put upon them in future. As is generally known, all postmasters, except the one in New York City, whose salary is fixed by law, have their salaries raised by the amount of money received during the year from the sale of postage stamps.

"It has for years been the custom of country postmasters to swell the sales of stamps at their respective offices far in excess of the business of the town or village, and thus render themselves eligible for increased pay by inducing New York merchants and manufacturers who live in suburban towns of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, and who use great quantities of postage stamps in their business, to purchase these stamps from the village or town postmaster.

"More than \$1,000,000 in stamps bought in country post offices are handled in New York City alone yearly, and as a result the local authorities get no credit for the work they have to do with this big mail. Steps have been taken to stop this scheme to benefit the country postmasters at the expense of those in the large cities.

"Henceforth all postage stamps delivered to postmasters will bear a Department private mark, which, it is thought, will stop this business. This new rule will go into force pretty soon."

Peanut Crop is Large.

The present crop of peanuts, while not of excellent quality, is abnormally large.

Arrested For Killing His Aged Wife.

William J. Garland, of Philadelphia, who has been running a saloon in Phoebus, Va., for several months, has been arrested charged with the murder of his wife, whom he married to Camden, N. J., six months ago. He is thirty years old; she was seventy and rich. When the woman's body was examined by physicians, a pinhole was found through the heart. Garland denies the crime.

Naval Academy's New Commander.

Beard-Admiral Naft has been detached from the command of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Commander Richard Walcott succeeds him.

THE FRESHET AT ALBANY

High Waters Cause Damage of Half a Million Dollars.

MUCH DISTRESS AMONG THE POOR

Ice Gorges Caused the Water to Back Up and Compelled Families to Flee For Safety—Worst Flood Since 1857—Three Men Are Drowned—Floods Caused Heavy Loss—Rise of Hudson River.

ALBANY, N. Y. (Special).—The inhabitants of Albany on Wednesday looked upon the greatest freshet which has taken place in the valley of the Hudson River since 1857. A steady rain for forty-eight hours melted the deep snows in the Adirondack Mountains and along the valley of the Mohawk, and there has followed a mighty freshet which fills all the lowlands of the Hudson River from Troy southward to Hudson.

A large part of the cities of Albany, Rensselaer and Troy are submerged. In Albany many business houses and residences in the lower half of the city were flooded with water.

The power house of the street railway company was filled with seven feet of water, and electric power was thus shut off from the street car lines.

Business men looking for the water front suffer from a loss to property conservatively estimated at more than \$300,000.

Three men lost their lives. The men who were drowned were William Rhinhardt of New York, Thomas Shea of Bath, and Joseph Vogel of Van Rensselaer Island, three miles below the city.

THE FLOODS IN THE SOUTH.

Damage Done at Various Points—Many Deaths.

ATLANTA, Ga. (Special).—Reports from points in Georgia say the Chattahoochee River, after a steady rise for four days, is falling. At West Point, in the low lying portions of the town, many houses have been abandoned. Many bridges have been carried away. Knoxville, Tenn., reports that all streams in that section are out of their banks and have caused much damage to farm property and logging interests.

COLUMBUS, Ga. (Special).—The waters of the Chattahoochee are rapidly falling. Three thousand cotton mill operatives have been idle for several days on account of high water. As many as twenty-five bridges on the streams north of Columbus running into the Chattahoochee, have been carried away by the high water.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (Special).—The Alabama River is higher than for several years. All creeks and streams surrounding the city are out of their banks, and many bridges of public roads have been swept away. Washouts have been reported on all railroads.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY'S SUCCESSOR.

Mrs. Catt, President of the Woman's Suffrage Association.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, has been elected President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association to succeed Susan B. Anthony, who was named Honorary President. The election took place at the last afternoon session, the voting being done by secret ballot and without any speeches.

Candidates, Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, who was the only formidable rival of Mrs. Catt, had her name withdrawn and the election of Mrs. Catt was unanimous. The other officers, including Mrs. Wm. A. Shaw, Vice-President-at-Large; Rachael Foster Avery, Corresponding Secretary, and Alice Stone Blackwell, Recording Secretary, were re-elected.

BOERS CLAIM 120,000 MEN.

Correspondent Informed That Republics Can Indefinitely Continue the War.

LONDON (By Cable).—A dispatch from Rensburg says: "An Australian newspaper correspondent, Mr. Reay, paid an interesting visit to the Boer camp on Sunday, to make inquiries as to the fate of his missing colleague, Mr. Hales, of the London Daily News, who was captured by the Boers on February 7, at the time Mr. Lambie, of the Melbourne Age, was killed."

Mr. Reay arrived at the camp, blindfolded, just as church service was commencing. He sat blindfolded throughout the service. When he was taken before Commander Delarey his eyes were unbandaged. Delarey was most courteous to the correspondent. He said he deeply regretted that a non-combatant had been killed, and expressed his sympathy with Mr. Lambie's widow. Mr. Reay was then escorted to Mr. Lambie's grave and the late soldier's other personal effects were handed over to Mr. Reay.

"The escort informed Mr. Reay that the two republics had 120,000 men fighting and were able to continue the war indefinitely."

Mrs. McKinley's Aunt Robbed.

Four masked men entered the home of Mrs. Maria S. Saxton, an aunt of Mrs. McKinley, near Canton, Ohio, a few days ago. Daniel Slander, a brother of Mrs. Saxton, was awakened, but was prevented from giving the alarm by a revolver thrust in his face. The robbers escaped with a small amount of booty.

Commander Shaw's Wife Dead.

Mary Kith Shaw, the wife of General A. D. Shaw, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., died suddenly Wednesday, at Watertown, N. Y.

General Roberts Opens His Campaign

With a Cavalry Dash.

ON THE ROAD TO BLOEMFONTEIN.

British Force Passage of Modder River on Boer Flank—Five Laggers Taken—Little Opposition and Small Loss to General French, Who Led the Advance—Invading Army Numbers 50,000 Men.

LONDON (By Cable).—The British army, for the first time since the war began, is inside the Boer frontier. Lord Roberts, with at least 40,000 infantry, 7000 cavalry and 150 guns, with artillerymen, has turned the Magersfontein line, before which the British forces have been encamped for ten weeks; and, with help of his corps, he already is operating on Free State territory.

The dispatches of Lord Roberts sketch three days' work. The to and fro movement began on Sunday, when Colonel Hannay set out, with a brigade of mounted infantry for Ramah, on the Riet River, eight miles from Jacobsdal, one of the Boer supply bases.

On Monday General French, with the cavalry division, seized the crossing of the Riet River. Deities' drift, south of Jacobsdal and eighteen miles east of Honey Nest Kloof. Its skirmished with the Boers and cleared the way for 20,000 infantry, who followed soon.

On Tuesday, with his three cavalry brigades and the horse artillery, General French rode to the Modder River, a distance of twenty-five miles, and took three fords, with high ground, beyond the river and five Boer camps. He had a force of 20,000 men, with 20,000 infantry with seventy-two guns and 20,000 cavalry. General French now has fixed himself on General Cronjé's main line of communication with Bloemfontein, and 20,000 infantry with seventy-two guns are being pushed up to support him there.

Lord Roberts's dispatches, wired from inside the Free State and on the Riet River, left him on Wednesday morning. His advance had not been opposed by the Boers in force.

The forces immediately at the disposal of Lord Roberts are 40,000 men, a general staff. These figures are revealed by the commands mentioned in the dispatches as having been added to the divisions known to be with Lord Roberts. Possibly, Lord Roberts has 10,000 or 20,000 more.

It is now realized that the incidents at Rensburg have been seen out of all proportion. Twenty-five miles of the division maintained there, while troops were being secretly and rapidly concentrated on the east of the Riet River. The fact that 30,000 men already have been sent beyond the rail terminus shows that Lord Roberts has been fully successful in organizing transport. It is now supposed to be down the line, sending forward more troops and getting together more transports. About five miles of ox and mule wagon trains are estimated for each division, so that Lord Kitchener, who is reported to have more skill than a circus manager in handling field transport, has immense masses of his army.

HUGE RANSOM FOR RHODES.
The Boers Will Hold Him Hostage For \$100,000,000.

LONDON (By Cable).—Friends of Mr. Cecil Rhodes, shut up in Kimberley, are becoming alarmed at his possible fate and have sent an emissary to see Dr. Leyds, the director of the Boer army, to urge, in Europe, in regard to the probable course the Boers would pursue in the event of his capture.

Dr. Leyds assured the intermediaries that the Boers did not intend to kill Mr. Rhodes, but, he added, they would certainly hold him as a hostage until the indemnity for the ransom of the Boer army was paid.

In view of the developments since the raid, he added, the Boers had also decided to double the amount of the indemnity demanded, and that Mr. Rhodes' friends would have to hand over \$10,000,000 before his release.

Irish Populace Show Disloyalty.
Cork (By Cable).—The Irish populace once more showed their temper as British troops were embarking on the steamer Norseman for service against the Boers at the Cape. Not a few cheers for President Kruger, and many shouts for the Queen, were heard as the mob thronged down the gangplank.

Boers Threaten Buller.
CAPE TOWN (By Cable).—The Boers' invasion of Zululand is causing keen anxiety to the British. Apart from the fact that it threatens General Buller's communications, it is difficult to believe that the Zulus can long be kept quiescent while their cattle are commandeered and their industry is overrun by their hereditary foes.

CONGRESSMAN KILLED.
Fatal Fall of Representative Chiekerling in New York City.

BUY NOW, PAY THIS FALL.

We are offering to sell DRY GOODS,
SHOES and GROCERIES until fall at rea-
sonable prices.

OUR GOODS ARE ALL NEW

—AND—

FRESH

and the best the market affords. Give us
a call when you want goods on time or for
cash.

PEARSON & CO.,

Columbiana, Alabama.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know
and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beats.

County court convenes Monday.

Miss T. Hammond was quite
sick last week.

Will Page visited Pelham the
first of the week.

E. S. Lyman, of Montevallo, was
in city Tuesday.

E. T. Brasher, of Shelby, was in
the city Monday.

J. H. Page is in Talladega this
week on business.

R. J. Griffin, of Helena, was in
the city last Friday.

E. L. Crumpton, of beat 9, was
in town last Saturday.

Phillip Elick visited relatives
in Bessemer this week.

H. W. Parker, of Shelby Springs,
was in town yesterday.

W. S. Cary, of Montevallo, was
in town one day last week.

J. M. Luquire, of Calvary, was
in town the first of the week.

Rev. John Hughes and son, of
beat 9, were in town Monday.

Dr. Renfro Martin, of Harpers-
ville, was in town last Friday.

J. H. Robertson spent Monday
on his farm near Wilsonville.

Mrs. Duke, of Fourmile, visited
relatives in the city last week.

Rev. W. H. Sturdivant, of Bam-
ford, was in the city Saturday.

Robert Edwards, of Childers-
burg, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Saddle Williams visited
friends at Easonville this week.

If you want bargains see W. E.
Merrell's 10c counter at Shelby.

James Evans, of Wilsonville,
spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. E. D. Hall and children are
visiting relatives in New Orleans.

Sheriff Walthall made a busi-
ness trip to Vincent last Saturday.

R. A. O'Hara and wife, of Wil-
sonville, visited relatives here Mon-
day.

Mrs. J. W. Dykes, of Eason-
ville, is visiting relatives in the
city.

A. H. Avery and wife, of Shelby,
spent a few hours in the city Mon-
day.

J. R. Beavers and wife visited
relatives at Vincent the first of the
week.

D. B. Lacy, of Maylene, was in
town several days last week on
business.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is
no panacea, but is recommended for
Piles only. These it will cure. Price
50 cents in bottles; Tubes 75 cts. Sold
by Williams Bros.

Dr. J. A. Goggans, of Alexander
City, was here Sunday to see H. M.
Millstead.

G. B. Deans and J. D. Hardy, of
Calera, were in the city Tuesday
on business.

Mrs. James Evans and children,
of Wilsonville, visited relatives
here this week.

J. T. McClanahan, who has been
in the city visiting relatives, left
Tuesday for his home in Mansfield,
La.

J. M. Crenshaw, of beat 8, was in
town yesterday.

Solicitor Oliver was here yester-
day on business.

Fresh goods, fresh prices, at C.
B. Duran & Co's.

Walter Moss, of Calera, was in
the city Wednesday.

Rev. J. L. Ferguson, of Birming-
ham, was in the city last Saturday.

Mrs. R. C. DeLone, of Wood-
lawn, is visiting relatives in the
city.

Madame Rumor says that there
will be several marriages in the
near future.

Rev. A. E. Burns filled his regu-
lar appointment at the Baptist
church Sunday.

Don't fail to call on C. B. Duran
& Co., for anything to boil, bake or
fry.

Miss Sue McGehee, of Calera,
spent Saturday and Sunday with
relatives in the city.

Dr. W. S. DuBose spent several
days at Courtland last week on
professional business.

Rev. H. M. Millstead was dan-
gerously ill last week, but is im-
proving at this writing.

Elvin and Walter Garrett have
moved to the residence recently
vacated by J. W. Dykes.

Mrs. Vest and son, Jim, of Mon-
tevallo, were in the city a short
while Monday on business.

Mrs. John A. Edwards and Mrs.
Tinney Carter, of Childersburg,
visited relatives here this week.

WANTED—Eggs, chickens and
peas. The highest market prices
paid for them. J. H. HAMMOND.

R. G. Weldon, Rev. A. E. Burns,
Henry and Arlen Jackson, of Wil-
sonville, were in the city yesterday.

Faults of digestion cause disorders
of the liver, and the whole system be-
comes deranged. Herbine perfects the
process of digestion and assimilation,
and thus makes pure blood. Price 50
cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

Pig Feet, Sour Kraut, Mince
Meat, Peas, Irish Potatoes, and in
fact everything good to eat at
C. B. Duran & Co's.

On account of a wreck on the
Southern last Friday morning near
Selma, the north bound passenger
train was delayed about six hours.

In another column will be found
the advertisement of the Columbi-
ana Mercantile Co. When you
need anything in their line give
them a call.

Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Roberts,
J. R. White, Mrs. A. M. Elliott and
Harry Roberts have gone over to
Sylacauga to be present at the
Roberts-Hobson nuptials tonight.

Children who are troubled with
Worms are pale in the face, fretful
by spells, restless in sleep, have rings
around their eyes, bad dreams, vari-
able appetite, and pick the nose. White's
Cream Vermifuge will kill and expell
these parasites. Price 25 cents. Sold
by Williams Bros.

In another column will be found
the announcement of E. T. Bra-
sher for commissioner from the first
district. Mr. Brasher is too well
known to our readers to need any
recommendation from us. If he
receives the nomination and elected
will make a good Commissioner.

I hereby announce myself as a
candidate for your grocery trade,
and will take pleasure in giving you
good goods at rock bottom prices.
J. H. HAMMOND.

THE COTTON FACTORY

Organized With a Fifty Thou-
sand Dollar Capital.

The subscribers to the capital
stock of the Columbiana Manu-
facturing Company met on last
Tuesday night in the office of the
Judge of Probate. The meeting
was called to order by W. G. Par-
ker, and A. P. Longshore was elect-
ed Chairman and J. T. Leeper
Secretary of the meeting. The
monthly payments were changed
from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per share per
month, and the capital stock in-
creased from thirty five thousand
to fifty thousand dollars. On mo-
tion, Gordon DuBose was elected
President and A. P. Longshore
Vice-President, and Henry Jack-
son, W. G. Parker, J. R. White,
Henry Milner and W. B. Browne
were elected a Board of Directors,
and on motion the President and
Vice-President were made ex-officio
members of the Board. The meet-
ing was in every respect harmoni-
ous, and a cotton factory is now
assured for Columbiana.

Let every citizen of the town and
community go to work in earnest,
and assist in every way possible the
management in order that the fac-
tory may be put in operation in the
early fall. Let all the croakers
and kickers now crawl in their
holes and remain there until the
work is completed and the factory
in operation.

The Messrs. Jackson, R. G. Wel-
don and A. E. Burns were in the
meeting and manifested great in-
terest in the enterprise. The Messrs.
Jackson taking 15 shares each.
The stockholders and citizens were
glad to have them present and par-
ticipate in the meeting.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the pub-
lic to know of one concern in the land
who are not afraid to be generous to
the needy and suffering. The proprie-
tors of Dr. King's New Discovery for
Consumption, Coughs and Colds, have
given away over a million trial bot-
tles of this great medicine, and have
the satisfaction of knowing it has ab-
solutely cured thousands of hopeless
cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness
and all diseases of the Throat, Chest
and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call
on Hall, Druggist, and get a trial bot-
tle. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. Every
bottle guaranteed or price refunded.

Petit Jurors.

The following is the list of Petit
Jurors for the February term of
County Court, which convenes Feb-
ruary 26th:

A. J. Vick, J. M. Atchison, Hosea
Pearson, N. N. Mosteller, R. G.
Weldon, S. J. Armstrong, S. J.
Johnson, W. R. Craig, J. H. Ham-
mond, J. A. Collins, J. H. McDon-
ough, J. W. Farley, J. W. Miner, C. M.
Williams, J. D. Lynch, G. P. Wood,
B. L. Poindexter, James Ford, John
W. Willis, James Stinson, J. A.
Harper, E. W. Lindsey, J. H.
Weldon, James Gentry.

Working Day and Night

The busiest and mightiest little thing
that ever was made is Dr. King's New
Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar coated
globule of health, that changes weak-
ness into strength, listlessness into
energy, brain-fag into mental power.
They're wonderful in building up the
bottled. Only 25c. per box. Sold by
Hall, the druggist.

Soap to Give Away.

Get your soap where they give it
to you. Buy a 5 cent bar of Horse-
shoe soap and I give you a bar, buy
2 bars and I give you 2 bars, buy 5
bars and I give you 5 bars, buy a
box and I give you a box, buy 10
boxes and I give you 10 boxes.
J. H. HAMMOND.

A Card.

On account of the unsettled con-
dition of politics in Shelby county,
I hereby withdraw my name as a
candidate for the legislature.
W. H. STURDIVANT.

County politics are warming up
a little and the outlook promises a
lively time.

Don't irritate your lungs with a
stubborn cough when a pleasant and
effective remedy may be found in
Cream Honey of Tar. Price 25 cents
and 50 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

There was a lot of cotton brought
to this market during last week, the
8c. notch was the cause of the cot-
ton being brought in.

Are you restless at night, and har-
assed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's
Horehound Syrup, it will secure you
sound sleep, and effect a prompt and
radical cure. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts.
Sold by Williams Bros.

The mercury on last Friday took
a downward movement and on Sat-
urday morning stood 10 degrees
above zero, dropping about 48 de-
grees in 24 hours.

Frequently accidents occurs in the
household, which cause burns, cuts,
sprains and bruises. For use in such
cases Ballard's Snow Liniment has for
many years been the constant favorite
family remedy. Price 25 cents and
50 cents. Sold by Williams Bros.

Longshore-Milner.

A quiet marriage took place at
5 o'clock last evening at the home
of Mr. Levi Longshore on East
College street. The contracting
parties being Miss Fannie Long-
shore and Mr. Wm. R. A. Milner,
Rev. C. W. O'Hara officiating.
Miss Longshore is a lady of rare
accomplishments and is one who
possesses a noble character. Mr.
Milner is well known and respect-
ed by the people of our town and
county, having been for many years
clerk of the Circuit Court. The
Advocate extends congratulations.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flowers still has the
largest sale of any medicine in the
civilized world. Your mothers' and
grandmothers' never thought of us-
ing anything else for indigestion
or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce
and they seldom heard of Appen-
dicitis, Nervous Prostration or
Heart failure, etc. They used
August Flowers to clean out the
system and stop fermentation of
undigested food, regulate the action
of the liver, stimulate the nervous
and organic action of the system,
and that is all they took when feel-
ing dull and bad with headaches
and other aches. You only need a
few doses of Green's August Flow-
er, in liquid form to make you sat-
isfied there is nothing serious the
matter with you. Sold by Halls
Drug Co.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney
troubles as well as women, and all feel
the results in loss of appetite, poison
in the blood, backache, nervousness
and tired, listless, run down feeling.
But there's no need to feel like that.
Listen to J. W. Gardner, Nashville, Ind.
He says: "Electric Bitters are just the
thing for a man when he is all run
down and don't care whether he lives
or dies. It did more to give new
strength and good appetite than any-
thing I could take. I can now eat
anything and have new lease on life.
Only 50 cents at Hall's drug store.
Every bottle guaranteed."

Dr. J. Marion Lovett, represent-
ing Lovett Bros., Dentists, Besse-
mer, will be at their Columbiana
office the first Monday in each
month beginning Monday, Februa-
ry 5th, 1900, for a few days only.
At Wilsonville, February 1st, 11:30
a. m. till Sunday noon. Remem-
ber the dates and be on hand
promptly. All work guaranteed.
Prices reasonable.

Dr. A. J. Massey, dentist, the Pain-
less Tooth Extractor and well Fitted
Plates a Specialty, invites all persons
wishing dentistry, to call at his Dental
Parlors while in Birmingham, 21st
street and 2d avenue. Correspond with
him. Will practice in Jefferson and
adjoining counties, go or send a com-
petent man to your homes at reason-
able prices. Will visit Columbiana
often.

When a man spends so much
buying drinks for his friends that
his wife can't keep the children
dressed properly, it is said that
"his heart is in the right place."

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and petit jurors for Circuit Court,
which convenes March 19, 1900:

GRAND JURORS.

W. A. Broadhead, J. M. Dorrough,
C. C. Merrah, W. W. Albright, J. M.
Spearman, W. F. Isbell, J. R. Farr,
W. S. Dickerson, John M. Kidd, Wm.
Allen, L. F. Lee, W. S. McGlawn, D.
B. Merrell, H. C. Moss, D. N. Lee, B.
S. Rowe, W. A. Thompson, J. A. Cun-
ningham.

PETIT JURORS—FIRST WEEK.

E. H. Rasco, R. B. Ray, F. E. Mer-
rell, J. J. Lawley, J. W. Crane, Glen
H. Moore, J. A. Sheets, W. J. Dennis,
J. P. Garrett, F. M. Fancher, E. A.
Howard, B. F. Butler, A. J. Taylor,
A. J. Gilbert, E. L. Ray, J. T. Davis,
A. J. Bishop, T. S. Hitchcock, A. J.
Blackberry, J. L. Harless, Robert
Davis, Walter Albright, James A.
Hinton, R. H. Blackberry, J. B. Lee,
J. O. Dorrough, J. B. Sanders, G. W.
Weaver, A. J. Kendrick, S. A. Hor-
ton.

PETIT JURORS—SECOND WEEK.

J. W. Gunn Jr., J. M. Shirley, S. R.
Nolen, John P. Harkins, H. M. Hender-
son, S. C. Merrell, J. C. Lyon, J. L. Van-
diver, Z. C. Crowson, J. L. Parnell, J. L.
Nivens, D. B. Campbell, Joseph S. Pat-
ton, W. W. Armstrong, Will Moore, S.
F. Kendrick, M. P. Nabors, W. T. Stone,
L. C. Moore, J. R. Elliott, J. L. Butler, G.
M. Bilyear, James H. Page, C. A. Mason,
J. M. Pledger, M. O. Stone, R. N. Ray, J.
Q. Gould, A. Kirchler, J. R. Vanderslice.

PETIT JURORS—THIRD WEEK.

Lewis Horton, J. W. D. Foster, J. M.
White, A. A. Ray, J. S. Harmon, Robert
H. Jarrett, Samuel R. Lester, T. W.
Weaver, L. F. Coker, John H. Smith,
F. T. Roy, J. A. Roper, W. T. Arnette, L.
N. Curley, J. M. Isbell, James Finley, E.
H. Dunlap, William Miller, M. J. Evans,
R. W. Denty, J. P. Christian, J. J. Burks,
F. L. Morrow, M. T. Bushy, John Woot-
en, W. B. Brasher, G. R. Heaton, Z. Bal-
entine, H. H. Baldwin, B. W. Dupree.

Vincent.

Bob Taylor is critically ill at
this writing, and we have fears that
he will never recover.

We are glad to learn that Mrs.
Bell is some better.

J. R. Beavers and wife, of Co-
lumbiana, are visiting homefolks
this week.

Mrs. Clonagy, of Talladega, vis-
ited relatives in this place last
week.

Mrs. D. A. McRae, of Birming-
ham, visited her sister, Mrs. Wal-
ter Bell, last week.

Miss Haynes, of Talladega, is
visiting Mrs. J. H. Wilder on East
Highlands.

Prof. Forey's school will cele-
brate Washington's birthday
Thursday evening, all are invited.

Rev. O. P. Bently preached two
very interesting sermons at the
Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Nettie Cospier is on a visit
to Louisiana. She was accompa-
nied by her uncle, Mr. Glover.

Mr. Cospier's new store is about
completed, and he will move into it
soon. Our town continues to grow.

The wedding bells are ringing in
our neighboring towns, and from
all reports we will hear them soon.

Miss Driskill Vincent is visiting
relatives at Sylacauga.

J. F. McGraw and Mrs. Cald-
well, of Harpersville, attended
preaching here Sunday.

James Chandler left for Missis-
sippi last week. He will be great-
ly missed by the young people.

Little Ethel Bilyear celebrated
her 12th birthday Friday evening,
and was the recipient of quite a
lot of presents. All of the little
folks of the town were present, and
enjoyed the games and the deligh-
tful refreshments. The cake walk
was very amusing to the older ones.
Annie Ota Kidd and Oscar Mc-
Graw took the cake. We wish for
little Ethel many happy returns.

QUID NUNC.

Lynch.

We have a flourishing Sunday
school at Mt. Era.

Will Finly was the escort of Miss
Lula Bentley last Sunday.

R. J. Farr visited homefolks in
Lynch Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Payne is very sick,
and is not expected to live much
longer.

Cape Nash was the guest of Miss
Lottie Farr Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Farr paid V. B. Davis
a call this week.

O. V. Farr was the guest of D.
R. Leonard Sunday.

Lewis Mooney passed through
our community Sunday.

T. B. Payne and wife, visited R.
J. Farr's family this week.

R. M. Payne made a call at R. J.
Farr's last Sunday.

O. V. Farr transacted business
in Columbiana Tuesday.

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Two pound Bar of Soap for 5 cents.
Three Bars of our Flag Soap for 5 cents.
Two Bars of Payday Soap for 5 cents.

We have just got in a lot of Flour of all Grads, which
we will sell at Rock Bottom Prices.

REMEMBER THESE PRICES ARE FOR CASH ONLY.

We want to make room in our Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoe and Hat
Departments for our Spring Lines. In order to do so, we will sell
very low prices. We also keep on hand a full line of Hardware,
Furniture, Saddles, Harness, Stoves, Etc., and everything else for
use in the home.

Our stock is too large to mention it all. Come and see
it and you will find that we do what we say.

Columbiana Mercantile Co.

Wilsonville.

Arlen Jackson returned home one
day last week.

Bad colds are the order of the
day.

W. S. McEwen was in town Sun-
day.

Sheriff Walthall was in town
Monday.

Jack Millstead, of Sylacauga,
returned home Monday.

The entertainment given by Mr.
and Mrs. Ray Friday night was en-
joyed by all who attended.

Harry Stoudemire swapped off his
two big horses Monday, of which
we believe he was fortunate.

Robt. Hansell returned from
Selma Friday, much to the delight
of the ladies.

Mrs. O'Hara, of this place, is
visiting relatives in Columbiana.
Robert Cleskey, of Sylacauga,
was in this place last week.

We learn that the mumps are
still raging among the school chil-
dren.

Sam Wallace, of near Harpers-
ville, was in town this week.

R. G. Weldon, sold and delivered
a carload of fertilizer at Bolin's
switch the first of the week.

We regret very much to learn
that Robert Taylor, of Vincent, is
very ill this week. We wish for
him a speedy recovery.

We learn E. G. Weldon, of How-
ard College, will pay homefolks a
visit next week. Emberne has a
number of friends at this place,
and they will all be delighted to
see him.

John Spradly, of Harpersville,
was transacting business here this
week.

George Cospier, of Vincent, has
taken our advice and has procured
lumber at this place to finish his
store building.

Jim Wilder, of Vincent, was in
our vicinity one night last week

